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Anger after 'shabby politics' claim

Hague sparks row over Blair Palace 'leaks'

By Nicholas Watt, Political Correspondent

THE political truce over the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, ended abruptly yesterday when William Hague accused Tony Blair of making capital out of the tragedy.

The Conservative leader accused Downing Street of shabby politics by briefing the media on the Prime Minister's advice to the Royal Family after the Princess's death.

But his intervention appeared to have backfired last night when Buckingham Palace expressed astonishment as ministers and constitutional experts joined in a chorus of criticism.

Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, said: "It is disgraceful and William Hague ought to apologise to the Labour Party and the nation. It's despicable." And Lord St John of Fawsley, the former Conservative Cabinet minister, said: "Tony Blair handled the death extraordinarily well. He spoke with great dignity and expressed the feelings of the people at the time."

Stung by suggestions that he had lacked gravitas in his remarks on the day the Princess died, Mr Hague fought back yesterday in an interview for *Breakfast with Frost* on BBC television. He said that he was annoyed that Downing Street had leaked confidential advice to the Palace in an attempt to cast the Prime Minister in a favourable light and to reflect badly on the Royal Family. He also accused the Government of exploiting the Princess's death by refusing to appoint any Conservatives to the committee which will decide on a permanent memorial.

The Tory leader said: "Now that's shabby politics. It's bad government and it's no way to support the Royal Family in the future. I can't believe that that has been done with the sanction of the Prime Minister, but he should prevent it happening."

Referring to the memorial committee chaired by Gordon Brown, Mr Hague said: "It should either be all-party or it shouldn't have any politicians on it. This is not a political matter. The whole nation, people of all political parties, shared the same sense of grief and the Princess did not belong to one political party."

Mr Hague added that it was inconsistent of the Government to invite Liberal Democrats to sit on Cabinet committees, but to restrict the Diana committee to the Government. He said: "I don't want to make a huge political controversy over these things, but I want to make it clear to the Government that there is a limit to what they can do without people saying 'you're taking political advantage'."

Labour sources could barely believe Mr Hague's remarks, which they described as a spectacular own-goal. One senior source said: "He has made a monumental error. Everybody knows that Tony Blair united the nation. William Hague seems to have forgotten the first rule of politics: when you are in a hole, stop digging."

Another government source said that Mr Brown was unlikely to be moved by Mr Hague's call for a seat on the memorial committee, adding: "We want to hear from the British public. The only suggestion we have had from William Hague is that Heathrow should be named after the Princess."

The Palace was more diplomatic, but clearly surprised by Mr Hague's intervention. A spokesman said: "Everyone knew we were consulting the Government. It all went very smoothly."

Conservatives defended Mr Hague last night, however, by circulating press cuttings showing how Downing Street had allegedly manipulated coverage to reflect well on Mr Blair. One newspaper said: "Blair made it clear to Prince Charles that the public would not stand for [a private funeral]."

Conservatives insisted that such insights could have come only from Downing Street. Francis Maude, the Shadow Culture Secretary, told BBC Radio 4: "We know that the Number Ten machinery was having a lobby briefing every day. The constant implication was that the Royal Family were wrong but Mr Blair, who is so close to the people, was right."

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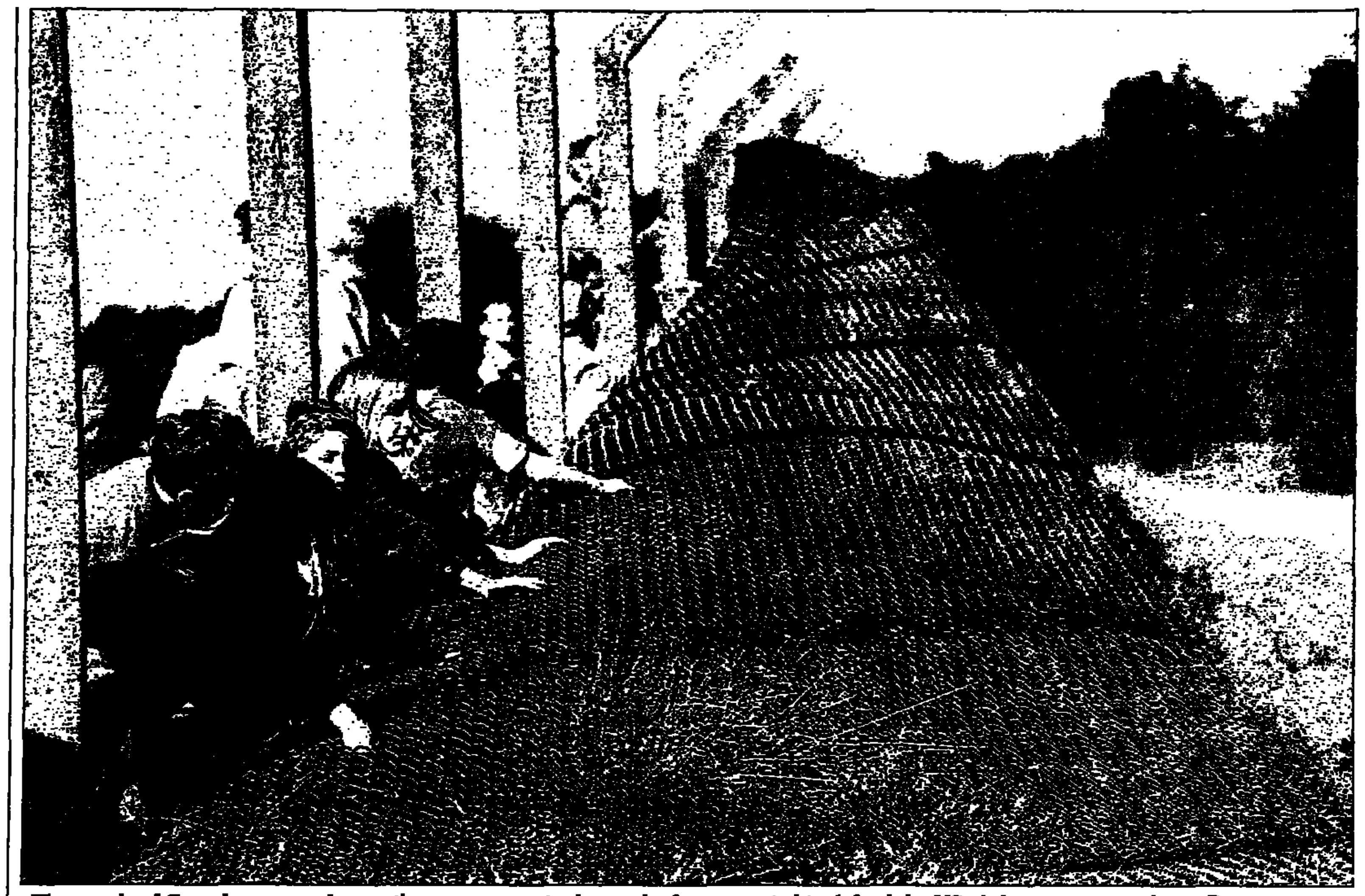

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Judges denied free rein on human rights law

By Frances Gibb
Legal Correspondent

THE Government's plans for Britain's first Bill of Rights in 300 years will preserve Parliament's supremacy and deny judges power to strike down statutes that are inconsistent with human rights.

But courts may be able to declare offending laws "invalid", opening the way for Parliament to amend or abolish them.

Without such a power, lawyers predict that the reform — a key plank of Labour's constitutional programme — will prove ineffective and will do nothing to stop the stream of cases to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. Lord Lester of Herne Hill QC, has put forward a legal model for the reform based on New Zealand's legal system but with "more teeth".

The White Paper for the Human Rights Bill, expected towards the end of next month, will require courts to interpret laws in line with the European Convention as far as possible. Where there is a conflict, under Lord Lester's model, the Act will be amended by Parliament. Without that power, lawyers say judges will be unable ensure laws are in line with the new Act.

Ben Emmerson, a barrister and editor of the *European Human Rights Law Review*, said: "Under the New Zealand model, if there is a conflict between a law and the Human Rights Act, the act must give way to the offending legislation, whenever it was passed. If adopted here, this will do nothing to reduce the number of cases which currently go to Strasbourg."

Also at issue is whether judges in lower courts should decide points themselves, or refer difficult cases up to the divisional court or Court of Appeal. Both solutions carry problems. If judges at the "coalface" are to decide, then a huge training programme would be needed as most of them are not versed in human rights law.

The proposed Act has also prompted concerns of a massive upheaval in the courts, both criminal and civil. Defence lawyers are expected to argue a host of human rights points on behalf of suspects in criminal trials, with potential for huge delays in the criminal justice system. At the same time, a boom is predicted in judicial review challenges.

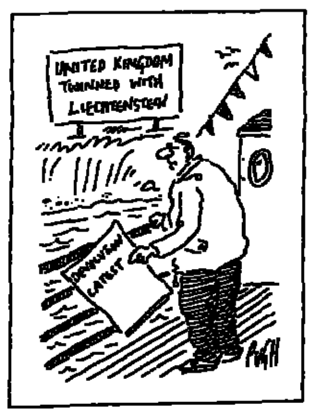
The White Paper is expected to:

☐ Propose a fast-track procedure for any offending laws held by the courts as "inconsistent" with human rights to be amended by Parliament.

☐ Give courts powers to invalidate secondary legislation, which includes all the rules and procedures drawn up in codes of practice under statutes.

☐ There will be no new specific "tort" or civil wrong but courts will able to award compensation in line with the small awards made in Strasbourg by the EuropeanCourt of Human Rights.

Judges from from the Court of Appeal and High Court, with some circuit judges, will be addressed by experts and Government officials at a conference later this month which is being held by the Judicial Studies Board and the Law Commission. A Bill is expected to follow early next year and to be in effect by next summer.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Unionists keep everyone guessing on peace talks

By Martin Fletcher, Chief Ireland Correspondent

HISTORIC full-scale peace talks on the future of Northern Ireland open at Stormont this afternoon with the Ulster Unionist Party's presence still uncertain and the Democratic Unionist Party demanding Sinn Fein's expulsion.

The leadership of the UUP, whose attendance is vital if the talks are to have any chance of success, will decide this morning what to do. The party is extremely unlikely to engage Sinn Fein face-to-face at this stage, but it could agree to negotiate through intermediaries. Another possibility is that it will stay away until it receives assurances on three key issues.

The party wants the Irish Government to state unequivocally — as Tony Blair did last Friday — that there can be no constitutional change in Northern Ireland without the consent of a majority of its people; it wants London and Dublin to state that some IRA disarmament will be required during the talks; it wants to know that the entire republican movement is committed to the Mitchell principles of democracy and non-violence — principles disavowed by the IRA last week.

A UUP executive meeting on Saturday approved the party's participation in the talks process, but authorised the leader David Trimble to decide the exact tactics. He emphasised his determination to "defend the union" and said: "The Unionist voice will be heard one way or another.

The party would be "involved directly or indirectly ...in a process that involves Sinn Fein, but we still have to explore the precise procedural options that exist (and) the position of the other parties."

This morning Mr Trimble will meet the loyalist Ulster Democratic and Progressive Unionist parties, which are also undecided. With the DUP and UK Unionist Parties boycotting the talks, those three would all have to attend to provide the required majority of Unionist votes for any decisions to be taken.

Martin McGuinness, Sinn Fein's chief negotiator, said that proximity talks made no sense and demanded that the UUP join it at the negotiating table. "It's time to stop all the stalling and delaying tactics and move forward to bring the peace settlement all our people desire and crave."

But today's proceedings will almost certainly be dominated by questions about Sinn Fein's presence at the talks following the IRA's statement on the Mitchell principles. Ian Paisley's DUP has sent George Mitchell, the chairman, a formal request that Sinn Fein be expelled on the grounds that it is inseparable from the IRA and has therefore reneged on Gerry Adams's commitment to those principles last Tuesday.

While Sinn Fein's expulsion is unlikely, even the prime minister acnowledged over the weekend that Mr Adams had a lot of questions to answer.

The Pope urged prayers for the talks: "People of every sector of society there have shown an earnest and sincere desire for a peaceful solution to the long-standing conflict."

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Acrobats cross the Thames by tightrope

By Matthew Beard

TWO acrobats walked into the record books last night by completing the first two-man tightrope crossing of the River Thames.

As darkness fell and at a height of 150ft and without a security net beneath them, Didier Pasquette and Jade Kindar-Martin crossed a 1,000 ft wide stretch of the river from opposite directions along a steel wire stretched between two cranes.

To aid concentration the two men, both experienced highwire walkers carrying balancing poles, communicated by voice-activated radio as ambulance and medical teams watched on.

The crossing between the Oxo Tower and Victoria Embankment is one of the widest stretches of the river which last night was shallow and would have offered no protection had either man fallen.

Pasquette, 29, of France, who previously completed a tightrope walk stretched between the twin towers of Wembley Stadium, said before his latest venture: "If we fall, we die."

As the sun set over a breezy and chilly night the start was delayed by 20 minutes as engineers tightened the rigging in an attempt to minimise the swing of the wire.

The two-man walk has been attempted three times before — the last time 25 years ago — but never by two people walking from opposite banks, and stepping over each other in the middle.

Kindar-Martin, from the United States, and Pasquette met in a French circus troupe of acrobats, fire-eaters and jugglers and have performed stunts since their teens. They rehearsed for this, their most dangerous stunt, in a French cornfield.

The crossing was to publicise the Thames Festival, to be held in 1999 in celebration of Britain's longest river. It also coincided with the centenary of the death in England of the legendary French acrobat Jean Francois Grevelet, otherwise known as "Blondin", whose greatest feat was to cross the Niagara Falls on a tightrope, embelishing the performance by repeating it blindfolded and wheeling a barrow.

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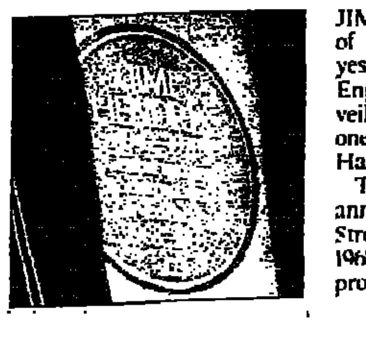

JIMI HENDRIX, the definitive wild man of rock, was still causing controversy yesterday — 27 years after his death. An English Heritage blue plaque was unveiled to the guitarist on a building next to one which remembers George Frideric Handel.

The Handel Society is reported to be annoyed about the plaque at 23 Brook Street, Mayfair, where Hendrix lived in 1968-69 with Kathy Etchingham, who proposed the honour. But Pete Townshend, from The Who rock group, said as he unveiled the plaque: "There's been a lot of talk about whether a rock performer deserves to be on the building next door to George Frideric Handel, and I think he does.

"I think that not all performers in pop and rock do deserve this honour; I think Jimi does. He was so special, so extraordinary. He's up there for me with Miles Davis and Charlie Parker as a virtuoso, an innovator."

Ms Etchingham, now a Surrey housewife, told friends who had gathered that she was glad to see them fit and well. "I'm astonished, considering what we used to get up to 30 years ago," she joked.

About 2,000 fans mobbed Hendrix's father, James, 78, and sister Janie, 36, who watched the unveiling. Hendrix becomes the first pop performer to be honoured with a blue plaque.

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The Times saw no sign of 'shabby politics' over Diana's death

*It was an extraordinary week for political reporters, but not so extraordinary as William Hague's accusations against Labour. **Philip Webster** reports*

POLITICAL journalists found themselves playing an unusual role after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, and in the week leading up to her funeral.

Usually, royal stories have few direct political implications and reporters from the Westminster lobby would have only a partial involvement in them. But this was no ordinary Royal story. Usually, under this and past governments, Downing Street would offer very little information about its contact with the Palace.

Perhaps the most surprising of William Hague's accusations against the Government yesterday was that there had been confidential briefings to the Press designed to put the Government in a good light and the Royal family in a bad light. That is not the experience of this newspaper. On the morning of the tragedy it was clear that the Government was deeply involved. Tony Blair, as Prime Minister, was clearly duty bound to speak to the nation on that Sunday morning.

Then, on the Monday morning, Alastair Campbell, the Prime Minister's Press Secretary, called an open Downing Street briefing to talk about the funeral arrangements. Both Palace and Downing Street wanted to put over the message that it was not to be a funeral for the "great and the good".

Several Government departments were clearly involved in the practicalities of the funeral plans from the start. At the two briefings, open to all the national newspapers and broadcasting organisations, Mr Campbell never uttered a word of criticism of the Royal family.

Perhaps more significantly I can say that in around ten private conversations I had with Mr Campbell during that week, Mr Blair's press secretary never strayed from that stance of total support for the Palace.

He was given every opportunity to do so. At that stage of events, with the Press and public in full cry over the absence of a flag over Buckingham Palace, and the Queen's prolonged stay at Balmoral, a rift between Downing Street and the Palace would have been yet another sensation. But it never happened. It is true that this newspaper judged from the briefings given by Downing Street that Mr Blair was always in favour of a big state event to mark the Princess's death. But that was hardly surprising after his first words about her and his description as her as "the People's Princess". It briefed about funeral arrangements and was clearly well-placed to do so as three or four of Mr Blair's leading officials were regularly at the Palace to discuss plans. But Downing Street did not, in the experience of this paper, break the convention about not revealing the contents of discussions between Mr Blair and the Queen.

Downing Street steadfastly refused to say anything about what happened at Balmoral last Sunday, the day after the funeral, when Mr Blair spent four hours with the Queen. Not surprisingly, that did not prevent journalists having a stab.

Conservative anger, however, over what they see as Mr Blair's "hijacking" of the whole event for his own purposes has been evident for more than a week — and that was what was really behind Mr Hague's remarks yesterday. From the moment Mr Blair called her "the People's Princess", the Labour Government had taken ownership of her, according to one Tory insider yesterday: "They have always called themselves the People's Party — now they have the People's Princess and soon they were briefing about the People's Funeral."

Mr Hague's friends know that yesterday's accusations were risky, because he could be seen as putting himself on the side of the Royal family against the Princess. It was a gamble that he was clearly aware of when he prepared for yesterday's interview. According to one insider: "There has been a lot more politics in this than most people realise and sooner or later someone had to come out and say something."

Experts reject Hague's criticism

By Nicholas Watt, political correspondent

CONSTITUTIONAL experts praised Tony Blair yesterday for behaving with dignity after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, and for observing the conventions governing relations between Downing Street and the Palace.

Dismissing the criticisms from William Hague, the Conservative leader, they said that the Prime Minister had been quite within his rights to allow his press advisers to brief the media on discussions about the funeral. Lord St John of Fawsley, the former Tory Cabinet minister who has edited the works of Walter Bagehot, the Victorian chronicler of the constitution, said: "I think Tony Blair handled the death extraordinarily well. He spoke with great dignity and expressed the feelings of the people."

Prime Ministers have no textbook to instruct them in such matters, and Downing Street faced uncharted waters after the death of the Princess. But a number of conventions have evolved.

The cardinal rule is that the contents of the Prime Minister's weekly audience with the Queen are never divulged. Only the Queen and the Prime Minister are present and no notes are taken as the Sovereign exercises her right to advise, encourage and warn her Prime Minister. Mr Blair met the Queen at Balmoral the day after the Princess's funeral and strictly observed this convention.

The conventions governing discussions between Downing Street and Palace officials are more relaxed. Mr Hague said that it had been wrong of Downing Street to brief journalists about Mr Blair's central role in opening up the funeral to the people.

However, Ben Pimlott, of Birkbeck College, a biographer of the Queen, said that it was acceptable for Downing Street brief the media on these discussions as long as the Palace was not cast in an unfavourable light. Professor Pimlott said: "The Prime Minister's people would have been very careful not to say anything that differed from the Palace and that would embarrass them."

Recent Prime Ministers have studiously observed such conventions. John Major was closely involved in the arrangements for the separation and divorce of the Prince and Princess of Wales. As Prime Minister, he announced their separation to the Commons.

☐ Mr Hague defended the Civil List yesterday after newspaper reports that Tony Blair and the Prince of Wales were considering abolishing the system of funding senior members of the Royal Family. Ministers and Buckingham Palace denied the reports. The Tory leader told BBC1's *Breakfast with Frost* that Britain received great value from the Royal Family for the money.

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Sold out: shoppers looking for copies of *Candle in the Wind* were disappointed yesterday in Oxford Street

Elton tops chart with 600,000 sales in one day

By Stephen Farrell

ELTON JOHN'S *Candle in the Wind* yesterday reached platinum sales of 600,000 and went to the top of the chart just one day after its release. His tribute to Diana, Princess of Wales, will almost certainly be the fastest-selling British single of all time, eclipsing Band Aid's 1.6 million first-week sales of *Do They Know It's Christmas?* in 1984.

A thousand staff worked a special shift at Mercury Records' pressing plant in Blackburn yesterday after record shops sold out of the £3.99 CD and £1.99 cassette within hours.

Band Aid went on to sell 3.51 million in the UK and seven million worldwide. The rewritten version of *Candle in the Wind* already has nine million advance orders worldwide.

Some believe it could remain the No 1 in Britain until Christmas, breaking the 16-week record held by Bryan Adams with *(Everything I Do) I Do it for You*.

Each copy will raise £2.50 for the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund and the final total is estimated at £10 million. The remainder of the price will cover costs of production and distribution.

Robert Partridge, a Mercury spokesman, said: "It has been an incredible few days and we have gone into completely uncharted territory."

There have also been high sales of John Tavener's classical hymn, *Alleluia, May Flights of Angels Sing Thee To Thy Rest*, which was sung as the Princess's coffin was carried from the abbey.

Buckingham Palace and the Princess's home village of Great Brington were quietly returning to normal yesterday. Staff began gathering the thousands of flowers laid outside the Palace and Althorp in Northamptonshire, and 11 books of condolence placed in St Mary the Virgin parish Church have been closed.

The Palace refused to confirm reports that the Princess's apartment at Kensington Palace was to be divided into flats for members of the Royal Household to avoid them becoming a painful reminder to Prince William and Prince Harry. A spokeswoman said no final decisions had been taken.

French police announced they were to hold a night-time reconstruction of the crash in which the Princess died, using the same paparazzi who followed the car on the night.

The announcement came as the Princess's personal bodyguard, Alexander Wingfield, gave his account of events leading up to the crash.

Mr Wingfield, 32, drove a decoy car past the accident but had no idea that the Princess, Dodi Fayed, Trevor Rees-Jones and Henri Paul were in the wreckage.

Canada questions royal ties

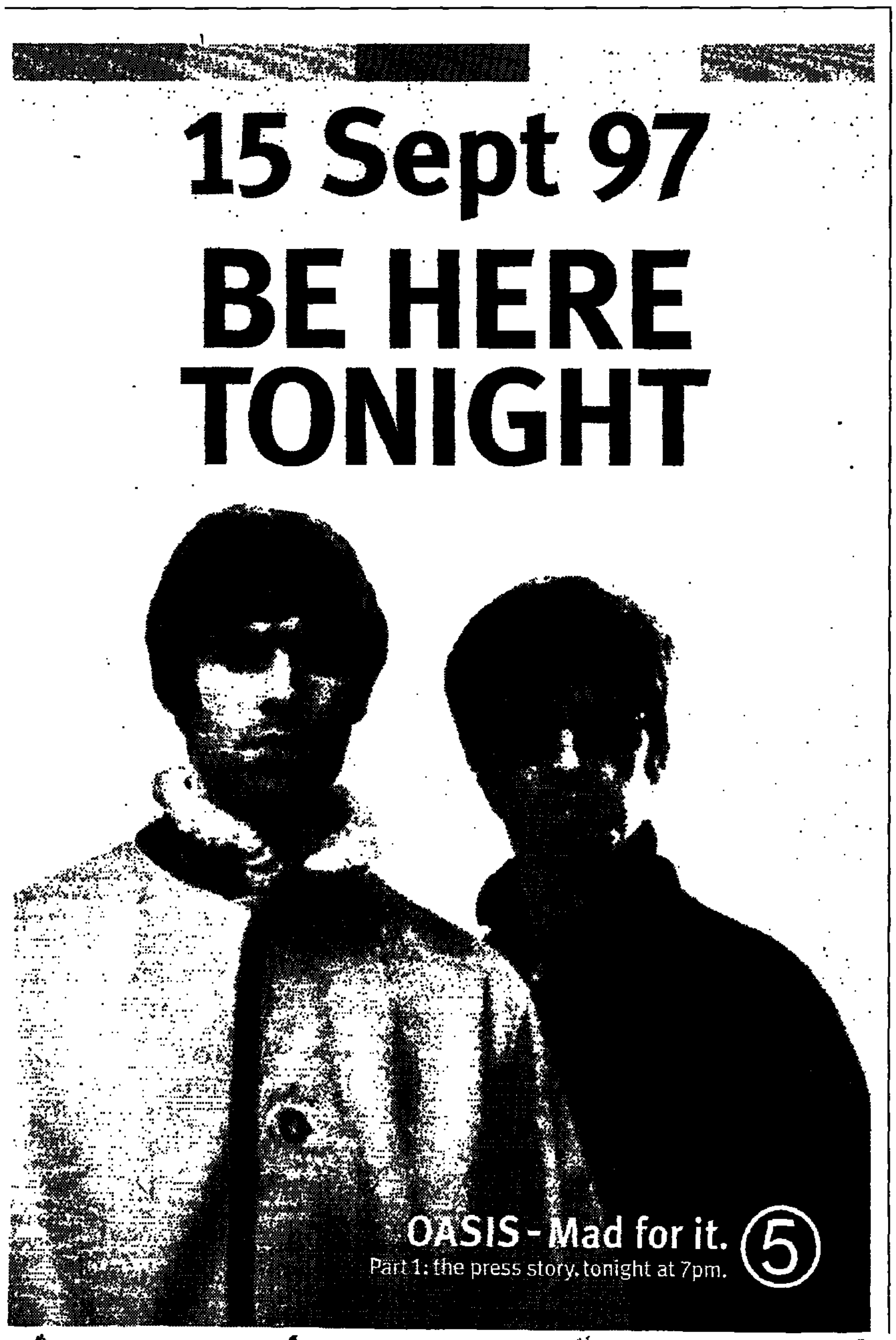
From Richard Cleroux in Ottawa

THE Canadian Government is flirting with a plan to cut its ties with the monarchy. Two Cabinet ministers have suggested that it is time to open a debate in Canada on whether the Queen should continue to be the Canadian head of state or whether she should be replaced by a Canadian.

John Manley, the Industry Minister, told a newspaper in Vancouver, the most royalist of Canadian cities, that it was time to replace the monarchy. "If we don't soon engage the discussion, the British will have done away with the monarchy before Canadians do," Mr Manley said. "My personal view is that it is probably time for us to say, 'It's been a great institution'."

Mr Manley said, however, that Canada should wait until the "death or demise of the incumbent Queen" before replacing the monarchy. Lloyd Axworthy, the Foreign Minister, said in London last week that he would welcome a debate on the monarchy's role in Canada. There was speculation at the time that he might have been quoted out of context. But Mr Manley's statements appear to indicate that Mr Axworthy's remarks were not accidental.

Mitchell Sharp, a former Canadian Foreign Minister who is considered a mentor of Jean Chrétien, the Prime Minister, also joined the debate. He said during a weekend interview that he, too, would appreciate a review of the monarchy. Mr Chrétien told reporters that there were "no plans" at present to review the role of the monarchy.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Sunday tabloids promise new code of restraint and respect

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

SUNDAY tabloids gave assurances yesterday about their future coverage of the Royal Family and the use of photographs purchased from freelance photographers.

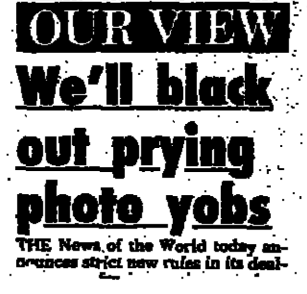
The *News of the World*, the biggest-selling Sunday newspaper, told readers that it was introducing strict rules to ensure that "yobs masquerading as photojournalists will be cut off for ever from the respectable newspaper world".

The paper, like *The Times* part of News International, said that all the press bore some responsibility for supporting such people. In future the *News of the World*, which has in the past been criticised for publishing pictures taken with long-range lenses on private property, will ban photographs which do not meet the guidelines of the code of conduct of the Press Complaints Commission.

"This forbids the taking of long-range photographs on private property and the merciless stalking and pursuing of people in the news," the paper said in an editorial.

Bridget Rowe, Editor of *The Sunday Mirror*, gave readers "a firm and absolute assurance that we will respect the privacy of the young Princes". *The People* promised to work with the commission to protect William and Harry and "to introduce stricter rules regarding their privacy".

However, there was not total accord among editors about conduct after the Princess of Wales's death, in particular the need for privacy laws. Tony Blair has made clear that he does not want such legislation but at the weekend a second editor offered his support for it.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Charles Moore, of *The Daily Telegraph*, told a special edition of *Hard News* on Channel 4: "There should be a civil law of privacy because all human beings in a free society have a right to privacy. That right definitely needs to be protected partly by law because at present it is constantly breached."

Earlier this year Alan Rusbridger, Editor of *The Guardian*, supported privacy legislation as part of a package also guaranteeing freedom of information.

At the weekend Conrad Black, chairman of The Telegraph Group, criticised Sir David English, Editor-in-Chief of the *Daily Mail*, in his role as chairman of the code of practice committee of the commission. He told a Canadian business audience that having Sir David as chairman of the committee was like appointing "Al Capone as head of the commission to investigate organised crime in Chicago in the Twenties".

Teachers to learn in the classroom

By David Charter, education correspondent

PRIMARY school teachers struggling to grasp government methods for teaching reading and writing will be retrained by local authority instructors in front of their pupils.

Two hundred literacy consultants will be appointed by local councils to instruct primary school teachers, a government report says, today. Weak teachers in the four in ten primary schools deemed in need of intensive support will find themselves retrained on the job. These will include teachers identified by parents on the proposed hotline for reporting poor performance directly to the Government's Standards and Effectiveness Unit.

Next year a governor from each school will be trained alongside the head teacher to implement and monitor the drive to improve literacy standards. Michael Barber, head of the Standards and Effectiveness Unit, said: "A lot of the teacher training will be in the classroom during the lesson. There is nothing more effective, according to the research, than seeing another qualified professional doing what they want you to do."

Professor Barber chaired the Literacy Task Force for Labour before the election when it proposed a daily literacy hour for every primary school. This is included in a package of measures in his report *The Implementation of the National Literacy Strategy*, sent to every local authority today, which he said was a "failsafe system" of introducing proven methods into every classroom.

The report details the Government's key literacy strategies: an hour a day on reading and writing, emphasis on the phonics method of sounding out individual letters to build up words, and urging parents to spend 20 minutes a night reading with their children. By 2002, the target is for 80 per cent of 11-year-olds to reach the national standard for their age compared with just over 50 per cent at present.

Sunday becomes day of shopping

By a Staff Reporter

SUNDAY shopping has become an essential part of the nation's weekend — but although more shops are opening they are not making extra profits, according to a new report.

Three years after Sunday trading was introduced, more than half of the population take advantage of the law change, the annual survey found.

Shopping has overtaken more traditional pastimes on the "day of rest". Only one in eight Britons now regularly sits down to a family Sunday lunch. The number of shops open increased by 6 per cent in the past year, says the survey for the international property consultants Healey & Baker. Of the major 100 cities and towns, 97 have more than 10 per cent of their shops open. Twenty-two of the top 25 shopping centres are open.

But the report says that Sunday trading is mainly "rearranging the same level of weekly consumer expenditure", rather than generating extra spending. The average increase of profits was just over 1 per cent for the shops that open, while 45 per cent of retailers trading on Sunday said they had no additional profit.

Paul Orchard-Lisle, senior partner at Healey & Baker, said: "Sunday trading is now firmly established. People value it and town authorities have embraced it. It may not lead to increased profits for retailers but those that are not open risk losing out."

There were lessons for retailers considering opening later at night throughout the week, he said. "It is 'chicken and egg'. Until a large number of stores are open late, it is difficult to judge the potential demand. The probability is that the marginal return on costs is unlikely to be worthwhile after 9pm."

Supermarkets are the most popular destination, followed by out-of-town DIY and garden centres.

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Treatment aids cancer victim to have baby

By Ian Murray and Stephen Farrell

THREE years after emerging from a gruelling regime of chemotherapy which left her infertile, Gill Garnham yesterday praised the pioneering fertility treatment which gave her a baby son, Frederick.

The experimental technique involves surgeons implanting eggs taken up to five years earlier before the eggs were exposed to the harmful effects of the cancer treatment.

It has given new hope to patients facing the twin despair of illness and sterility and made her one of the first women to undergo high-dosage chemotherapy who went on to have her own child.

Mrs Garnham, 36, a marketing research manager from Wadhurst, Kent, believes she would never have been a mother if doctors had not advised her of the possibilities on the dismal day in 1993 when they broke the news that her Hodgkin's disease, a cancer of the lymph glands, had returned.

She had first been first diagnosed with the disease in November 1991, three months after her marriage, but emerged after 18 weeks' chemotherapy and four weeks' radiotherapy with only a temporary effect on her fertility.

However the recurrence meant a second course of treatment, and a grave risk of permanent sterility.

"When I was told I had a recurrence of the cancer, the last thing I thought about was having a baby," she said yesterday.

"I knew I would have to undergo chemotherapy again and there was no chance of keeping my fertility.

"It was as though a door had been slammed in my face, but I knew statistically I had very little chance of surviving so I wasn't even thinking about having a baby.

"However, the day I was told I had the cancer again, the doctor treating me at the Royal Marsden Hospital said they could hold off the chemotherapy long enough to put me through one cycle of in vitro fertilisation

"I knew it was my last chance and as a result of that we were able to get five embryos and have them frozen in case one day I got better."

> ❛When it recurred the last thing I thought was having a baby❜

With the support of her husband Neil, 38, a barrister, and the hope provided by the chance of one day becoming a mother, she fought through the second illness.

However the doctors worst fears proved correct, and she had to undergo a high-level chemotherapy in January and February 1994. Although this removed all the cancer, it left her with no chance of ever producing her own eggs.

"All the cells in the body are destroyed and they have to recover. Not everyone gets through that and even then your chances of survival for two years are only 35 per cent," she said. "I believe that the fact that I knew the embryos were there and that I might still one day be a mother was one factor which made me hang on and gave me hope.

"As each month went by my chances improved and after two years I was given the all clear."

In January last year she was sent to Hammersmith Hospital in London for treatment at the world-famous IVF unit run by Lord Winston, Professor of Fertility Studies at the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. In May last year a 'dummy run' with three of the embryos proved unsuccessful after one did not not defrost properly and the other two failed.

Six months later, in November, the last two were implanted.

"That was really our last chance and statistically I knew there was only a 20 per cent chance that it would work. But it did.

"I had a really good pregnancy and it even made me feel better of the dreadful tiredness and lack of energy I had never really got rid of after the chemotherapy treatment."

Frederick, a 7lb 9oz baby, was born by Caesarean at Pembury Hospital in Tonbridge, Kent, three weeks ago, just after her sixth wedding anniversary.

Lord Winston said the case was one of only a handful that had so far been successful using IVF with a patient who had undergone massive chemotherapy treatment. "It is very important that people realise this sort of thing can be done," he said.

"Because we are getting better at cancer treatment a lot of young people have permanently successful cures. However a lot of specialists do not seem to realise that some patients find it worse to be confronted with sterility than by the knowledge that they are suffering from cancer.

"The fact that this patient has been able to have a healthy baby after all she has been through will give much-needed hope to others."

Gill Garnham, her husband Neil and their baby Frederick. She praised doctors for helping her with pioneering treatment

Drug link clue to contract killing

By Tim Jones

A MILLIONAIRE scrap dealer may have been murdered by a contract killer in a drug-related attack. Ray Clifford, 44, died in the early hours of Saturday morning from gunshot wounds to his head as he visited the yard of his firm in a wooded country lane.

Detectives are trying to discover why Mr Clifford, from Rochester, Kent, was lured to his isolated scrapyard near the hamlet of Lidsing, near Chatham. Police believe the murder was planned and the gunman knew that Mr Clifford, who was married with two children, would turn up.

Some local people, who would not be named, claimed that Mr Clifford had made many enemies and alleged he was a "big time" drugs dealer. One said: "He had stepped on many people's toes as he made millions of pounds from drugs. Any one of scores of his enemies could have pulled the trigger." Another said: "He was a nasty piece of work and he had a lot of enemies."

Detective Chief Inspector Dave Stevens, said: "It appears this crime was pre-meditated. It is not necessarily professional, as such, but it looks like it was planned and that they knew the victim would be there. Although Mr Clifford owned the property, he did not live there. It would have been a bizarre coincidence if the killer had turned up there by chance at precisely the time Mr Clifford did."

Generous readers send Polish girl to Oxford

By David Charter, Education Correspondent

A TALENTED Polish student too poor to attend Oxford University was told yesterday that she can take up her place after a huge response to her British school's appeal for help in *The Times*.

Donations ranging from £25 to £2,000 poured in for Paulina Wojtowska, 18, who gained five As at A level at Millfield School in Somerset even though English is her third language. Such was the response that Pembroke College, where she starts her course next month, was also able to fund an Albanian student similarly unable to afford the place she earned.

Miss Wojtowska's plight was disclosed in *The Times* on August 18. She was said to be the best linguist that Millfield, where she studied on a scholarship, has ever had and wanted to study Japanese to help her aim of becoming a diplomat for Poland.

Speaking from her parents' home near the Polish border with Russia yesterday, Miss Wojtowska said: "I have just received confirmation from Oxford and I cannot believe it. I had given up hope. I tried and tried but it was just impossible to get any money here. I really didn't think I was going to Oxford and I am incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped."

Ray Rook, development director at Pembroke College, said donations for Paulina included 17 of £500 or less and five pledges of £1,000-a-year. Three trusts contributed large annual sums.

Miss Wojtowska, from Rzeszow, needed around £15,000 for each year of a four-year course, to cover the £9,300 tuition fees for overseas students, £3,000 college fees and £3,000 living expenses.

The largest individual donation, of £2,000, came from a woman with no Millfield or Pembroke connections who said she was "touched by the article in *The Times*" and wanted to remain anonymous. A former Pembroke student pledged £500 and offered to persuade two of his friends, and a woman whose daughter is studying Japanese at a different Oxford college promised to send course books.

Paulina Wojtowska: wants to be diplomat

Dr Rook said: "One donor sent a cheque but no address and we would like to thank her, and all the others."

He added: "Paulina was over the moon when I phoned her. It is difficult to say whether we have got enough money or not to be honest, because some is still promised and it is not all in the bank. But we felt we had to tell her to come and we will do our best over the four years."

One trust which contacted Pembroke after reading about Paulina's plight, decided instead to sponsor the Albanian student in full when it heard the appeal for the Polish girl was going well.

Jonida Gjodede, 18, had similarly given up hope of being able to take up her place at Oxford.

Miss Gjodede, from Flore, will be only the fourth Albanian in the last ten years to reach Oxford. She gained the equivalent of 12 starred-A grades at GCSE in Albania and won a scholarship to the Red Cross Nordic World College in Norway. She will study economics and management at Pembroke College.

Another academician rails against Hindley exhibition

By Dalya Alberge, *Arts Correspondent*

THERE was another outburst from an academician yesterday over the decision by the Royal Academy of Arts to exhibit sculptures involving blood, dismembered limbs and a portrait of Myra Hindley.

Ralph Brown, a sculptor represented in the Tate Gallery and international collections, spoke of his disgust at the "art" and called for the resignation of Norman Rosenthal, the exhibitions secretary. In a letter to the president, Sir Philip Dowson, he promises to "exert every effort to get rid of" him.

Mr Brown expressed support for a fellow academician, Michael Sandle, who resigned last week over the matter: "I do understand why he exploded. But I will stay and fight my corner." While academicians such as Tom Phillips and Norman Ackroyd support the show, the vast majority, Mr Brown stressed, had told the RA that for reasons of "decency and good taste", the Hindley portrait should not be shown.

He suggested that last Thursday's 26-19 vote to include it in the exhibition would have seen a different outcome if members who live abroad or outside London had been able to attend. The vote distorted the majority view, he has told the President, Sir Philip Dowson.

He said he had been assured that the Hindley portrait would be withdrawn "but it wasn't and I'm not keeping quiet any longer".

The work of the Chapman brothers was particularly offensive: "The pastiche Goya [in which dismembered limb, torso and head hang from a tree] are just disgusting."

Norman Rosenthal, the exhibitions secretary, is blamed by many of the academicians for the latest developments. In his letter to Sir Philip, Mr Brown says: "I will exert every effort to get rid of Rosenthal. He has been there too long, and the harm he has done to the academy in this case far outweighs any good he has done in the past."

David Gordon, the academy's secretary, said Mr Rosenthal had "initiated over 20 years one superb exhibition after another".

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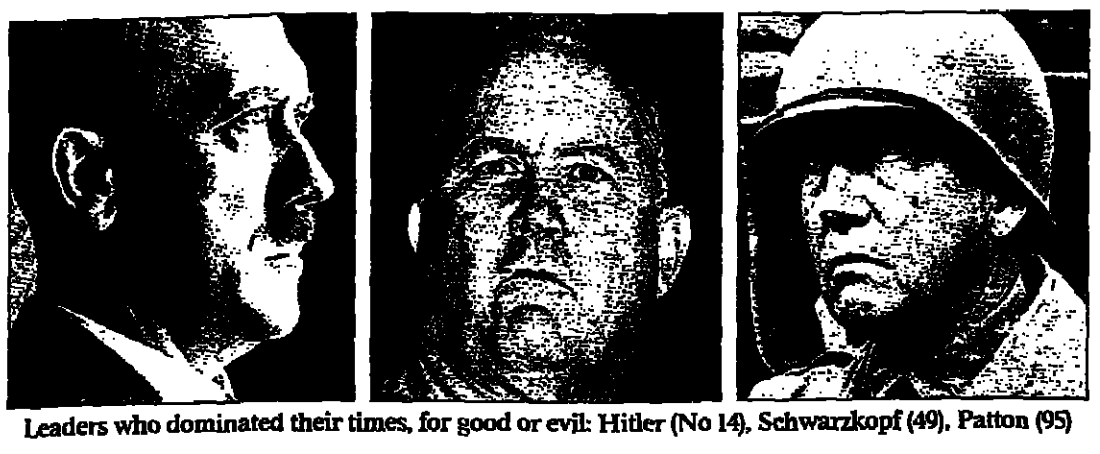

Leaders who dominated their times, for good or evil: Hitler (No 14), Schwarzkopf (49), Patton (95)

Washington leads the march of time

Michael Evans *looks at an American historian's controversial* ranking of the world's most influential military leaders

A SENIOR American army officer and historian has produced a controversial list of the hundred most influential military leaders of all time. It includes Adolf Hitler and Saddam Hussein but excludes *Sir Winston* Churchill.

The ranking of the leaders, from the fifth century BC to Desert Storm in 1991, was compiled by Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Lanning, a decorated Vietnam war veteran who served on the staff of General Norman Schwarzkopf from 1986 to 1987, when he was commander of the US Army's I Corps. Top of the list is George Washington. Also included are William the Conqueror, Oliver Cromwell, Nelson and Field Marshal Montgomery.

Colonel Lanning, 50, was awarded the Bronze Star for valour in Vietnam in 1969 and since he left the US Army has written ten books. He accepted that his book, which is to be published in Britain later this month, would inevitably invite criticism. He said he had initially drawn up a list of 150 names but had whittled them down to 100 and had included only those military leaders who had dominated their times, for good or evil, and had exerted profound influence on the future.

Stalin is not on the list, nor is Churchill. Colonel Lanning said that although Churchill had a huge influence on the conduct of the Second World War he was a political leader and had not commanded military operations.

General Colin Powell, the former Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff, who was General Schwarzkopf's superior officer in the Desert Storm campaign, was also left off the list, but General Schwarzkopf is included.

The most influential British military leaders on the list include Cromwell (number 19) who led his forces to victory over the Royalists in the Civil War in the seventeenth century but whose military career did not begin until he was 40; the Duke of Wellington (22) who earned his place as one of the greatest leaders long before his final defeat of Napoleon; the Duke of Marlborough (31), one of the premier military leaders of the eighteenth century; Nelson (35), perhaps the most influential admiral in history, and Field Marshal Alan Brooke, who became Viscount Alanbrooke (44), commander of all *British troops in the Second World* War. Montgomery is listed at number 63.

Colonel Lanning admitted there was an American bias in his selection. George Washington, commander of the American Continental army and the first President of the *United* States, who he rated at number one, was "the most influential military leader of all time". Colonel Lanning said: "I'm not talking about the best military leader but the most influential. George Washington was not a great general but he kept the American army together and without him there wouldn't be a United *States today*."

General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hockley, who served with the 1st Airborne Division in Greece, Italy and France up to 1945 and is a military historian, disagreed with the order of Colonel Lanning's top one hundred and said famous British commanders should have been higher up the list.

"Wellington should be higher than number 22, he never lost a battle," he said. He was also astonished at the omission of Stalin. "If Hitler is included, then Stalin should be on the list because he dominated the Russian military command," he said.

Sir Anthony also decried the absence of Field Marshal William Slim, who commanded the 14th "forgotten" Army in Burma and won a resounding victory against the Japanese. "He was a great general," Sir Anthony said.

☐ *The 100 Most Influential Military Leaders*, by Michael Lanning (Robinson; £7.99)

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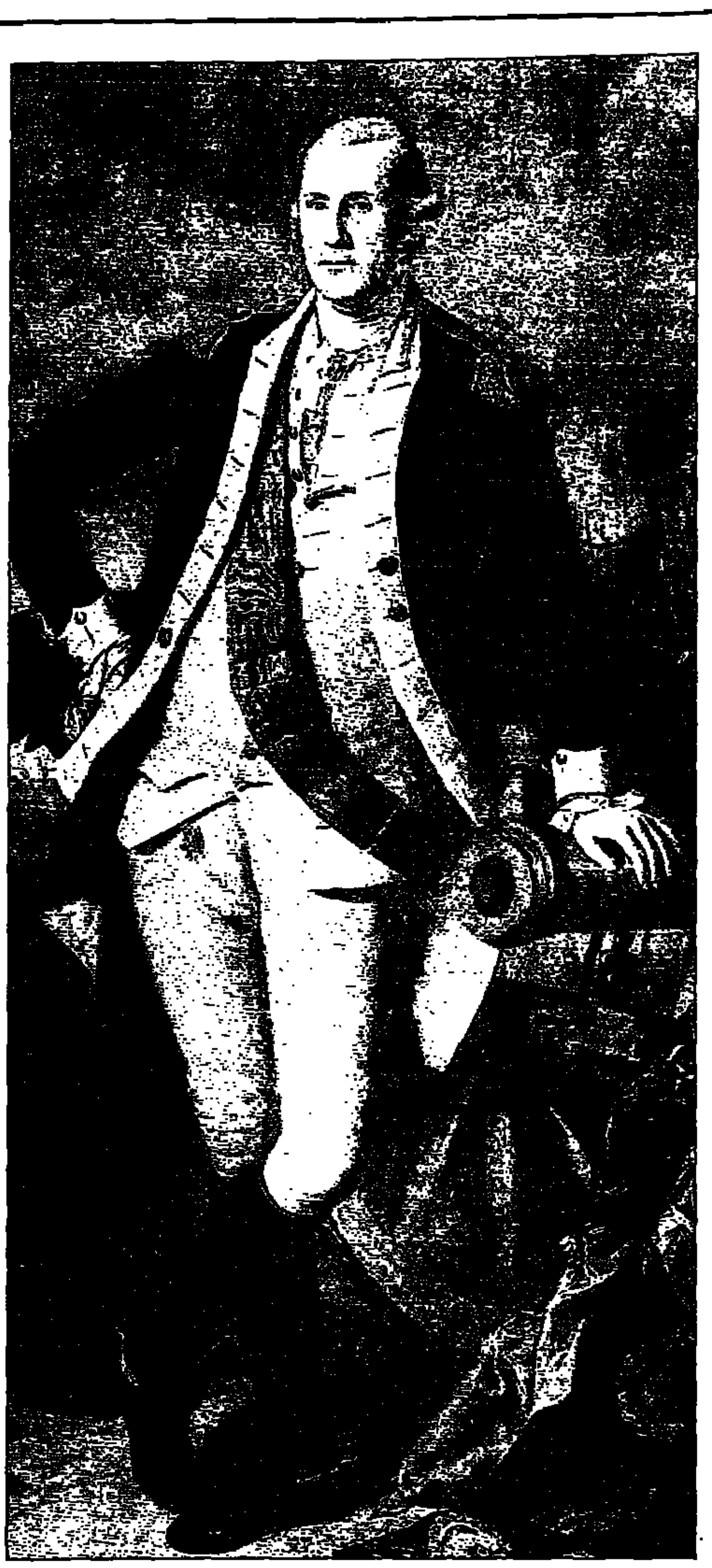

Washington: without him "there would be no United States"

British warriors rule over the battlefields

BRITISH kings and generals have been more influential than those of any other country, according to Lieutenant Colonel Lanning's survey (Mark Henderson writes).

Although no British leaders *make the top ten, and only Crom*well makes the top 20, 19 Britons reach the top 100. There are 17 Americans — *led by George Washing*ton at the head of the list — despite the relatively short time, of little more than 200 years, that the United States has been fighting wars.

France provides 12 of the top 100, Germany or Prussia nine, Russia and China four each, and Turkey, Sweden and Spain three apiece. Eleven of Colonel Lanning's choices are revolutionary leaders. Joan of Arc is the only woman.

Churchill and Stalin are not the only notable omissions. King Alfred, who saved Wessex from Viking conquest, has a good claim for inclusion, as do two of England's greatest leaders of the Hundred Years' War, the Black Prince and Henry V.

Clive and Wolfe, whose victories at Plassey and Quebec secured India and Canada for the British *Empire, are omitted, and there are* no places for Lord Howard of Effingham and Sir Francis Drake, architects of the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588.

Scots will be disappointed that William Wallace and Robert the Bruce have not been included.

Air warfare is almost totally neglected, with no place for Hermann Goering, who built the Luftwaffe into a formidable force, or for Arthur "Bomber" Harris.

Many will be surprised to see the Duke of Marlborough's ally at Blenheim in 1704, Eugène of Savoy, placed *higher* than the duke. Napoleon and Hannibal are placed above Wellington and Scipio, their ultimate vanquishers.

TOP 100 GREATEST MILITARY LEADERS

1 **George Washington**, 1732-1799
2 **Napoleon**, 1769-1821
3 **Alexander the Great**, *356-323 BC*. Macedonian conqueror of Persia
4 **Genghis Khan**, c.1167-1227. *Mongol leader*
5 **Julius Caesar**, c.100-44 BC
6 **Gustavus Adolphus**, 1594-1632. *Swedish king* during Thirty Years War
7 **Francisco Pizarro**, c.1475-1541. Spanish conqueror of the Incas
8 **Charlemagne**, 742-814. Holy Roman Emperor
9 **Hernando Cortés**, 1485-1547. Spanish conqueror of the Aztecs
10 **Cyrus the Great**, c.590-c.529 BC. Persian king
11 **Frederick the Great**, 1712-1786. Prussian king
12 **Simon Bolivar**, 1783-1830. South American liberator
13 **William the Conqueror**, *c.1027-1087*
14 **Adolf Hitler**, 1889-1945
15 **Attila the Hun**, c.406-453
16 **George Marshall**, *1880-1959*. US chief of staff in Second World War
17 **Peter the Great**, 1672-1725. *Russian Tsar*
18 **Dwight Eisenhower**, 1890-1969. American general
19 **Oliver Cromwell**, 1599-1658
20 **Douglas MacArthur**, 1880-1964. United Nations commander in Korea
21 **Karl von Clausewitz**, 1780-1831. Prussian general and author of *On War*
22 **The Duke of Wellington**, 1769-1852
23 **Sun Tzu**, c.400-330 BC. Chinese author of *The Art of War*
24 **Hermann-Maurice Comte de Saxe**, 1696-1750. French marshal
25 **Tamerlane**, 1336-1405. Tartar conqueror
26 **Antoine Jomini**, 1779-1869. French general
27 **Eugene of *Savoy***, *1663-1736*. Austrian marshal and ally of Marlborough
28 **Fernández Gonzalo de Córdoba**, 1453-1515. Spanish general who revolutionised 16th century warfare
29 **Sebastian de Vauban**, 1633-1707. French marshal, master of siege warfare
30 **Hannibal**, *c.247-c.183 BC*. Carthaginian general
31 **The Duke of Marlborough**, 1650-1722
32 ***Winfield Scott***, 1786-1866. American general
33 **Ulysses Simpson Grant**, 1822-1885. American civil war Union general
34 **Scipio Africanus**, c.237-c.183 BC. Roman general
35 **Horatio Nelson**, 1758-1805
36 ***John Fuller***, *1878-1966*. British general and military analyst
37 **Henri de la Tour d'Auvergne de Turenne**, 1611-1675. French marshal
38 **Alfred Mahan**, 1840-1914. American admiral
39 **Helmuth von Moltke**, 1800-1891. Prussian *marshal*
40 **Vo Nguyen Giap**, c.1912-. North Vietnamese general
41 ***John Pershing***, *1860-1948*. Commanded the American expeditionary force in Europe in the First World War
42 **Maurice of Nassau**, 1567-1625. Dutch general and military theorist
43 **Joan of Arc**, 1412-1431. French heroine
44 ***Alan Brooke***, *1883-1963. British marshal*
45 **Jean de Gribeauval**, 1715-1789. French general who revolutionised artillery
46 **Omar Bradley**, 1893-1981. Ground commander of US forces in Europe in the Second World War
47 **Ralph Abercromby**, 1734-1801. British general
48 **Mao Tse-tung**, 1893-1976. Chinese revolutionary leader
49 ***Norman Schwarzkopf***, *1934-*. Gulf War commander
50 **Aleksandr Suvorov**, c.1729-1800. Russian marshal
51 **Louis Berthier**, 1753-1815. French war minister under Napoleon
52 ***José de San Martín***, 1778-1850. South American revolutionary
53 **Giuseppe Garibaldi**, 1807-1882. *Italian* revolutionary leader
54 ***Ivan Konev***, *1897-1973. Soviet marshal* who commanded Soviet ground forces after the Second World War
55 **Suleiman I**, 1494-1566. Turkish sultan
56 **Colin Campbell**, 1792-1863. British marshal
57 **Sam Houston**, 1793-1863. Texan general defeated Mexican army
58 **Richard I** (The *Lionheart*), 1157-1199. English king and crusade leader
59 **Shaka**, c.1787-1828. Zulu king
60 **Robert E. Lee**, *1807-1870*. American civil war Confederate general
61 **Chester Nimitz**, 1885-1966. American *admiral who defeated* Japanese Navy
62 **Gebhard von Blucher**, 1742-1819. Prussian marshal, ally of Wellington
63 ***Bernard Montgomery***, 1887-1976. British field marshal
64 **Carl von Mannerheim**, 1867-1951, *Finnish marshal*
65 **H H "Hap" Arnold**, 1886-1950. American general played a significant *role in developing* air doctrine in the Second World War
66 **Ataturk**, 1881-1938. Turkish general
67 ***John Fisher***, 1841-1920. British admiral
68 **Heihachiro Togo**, 1848-1934. Japanese admiral
69 **Moshe Dayan**, 1915-1981. Israeli general and defence minister during Six Day War
70 **Georgi Zhukov**, 1896-1974. Soviet marshal
71 **Ferdinand Foch**, 1851-1929. French marshal
72 **Edward I**, *1239-1307*.
73 **Selim I**, c.1470-1520. Turkish sultan
74 **Giulio Douhet**, 1869-1930. *Italian general*
75 **Heinz Guderian**, 1888-1954. German tank general
76 ***Lin Piao***, 1907-1971, Chinese marshal
77 **Isoroku Yamamoto**, 1884-1943. Commander of Imperial Japanese Navy
78 **Harold Alexander**, 1891-1969. British field marshal

WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR

79 **Erwin Rommel**, 1891-1944. German marshal
80 **Lennart Torstensson**, 1603-1651. Swedish marshal
81 **Saddam Hussein**, 1937-. Iraqi dictator
82 ***Fidel Castro***, 1927-. Cuban revolutionary leader
83 **Horatio Kitchener**, 1850-1916. British marshal
84 **Tito**, 1892-1980. Yugoslav marshal
85 **Karl Doenitz**, 1891-1980. German admiral who developed the German submarine service
86 **Kim Il Sung**, 1912-1994. North Korean dictator
87 ***David Farragut***, *1801-1870*. American admiral
88 **Garnet Wolseley**, 1833-1913. British field marshal who modernised the British Army in the last half of the 19th century
89 **Chiang Kai-shek**, 1887-1975. Chinese nationalist leader
90 ***Frederick Roberts***, *1832-1914*. British field marshal who maintained and expanded the British Empire
91 **Saladin**, 1138-1193. Muslim sultan
92 **George Dewey**, 1837-1917. American admiral
93 **Louis II de Bourbon**, 1621-1686. French general
94 **Kurt Student**, 1890-1978. German paratroop general
95 **George Patton**, 1885-1945. American general
96 **Michel Ney**, 1769-1815. French marshal
97 ***Charles XII***, *1682-1718. Swedish king*
98 **Thomas Cochrane**, 1775-1860. British admiral
99 **Johann von Tilly**, 1559-1632. Flemish mercenary
100 **Edmund Allenby**, 1861-1936. Most respected British commander of *the First World War*.

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Rare collection is musical joy to Handel museum

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

AN EXTRAORDINARY collection of *manuscripts* and memorabilia relating to the composer George Frideric Handel has been acquired for the nation by a museum being founded in his name.

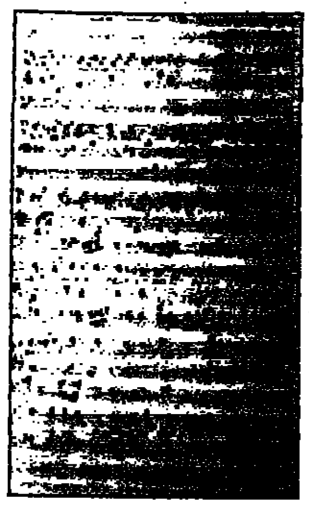
The cost, believed to be about £500,000, reflects the collection's importance and rarity. It includes a unique letter — with the original wrapper and Handel's seal — in which the composer wrote to his librettist about *Messiah*, a manuscript leaf revising an aria in his oratorio *Esther*, an uncatalogued arrangement of a Handel keyboard piece by Mozart, and even the original ivory and metal tickets from theatres in which Handel's works were performed.

Nothing comparable has appeared on the market in living memory. Unlike Mozart, Beethoven and other masters, documents bearing Handel's hand are unavailable. They are in public collections — almost from the time of his death, virtually everything was passed on to the Royal music library.

More than 1,000 items make up the Byrne Collection, put together by Gerard Byrne, a retired businessman and lifelong devotee of Handel. It has been purchased by the Handel House Trust, which is renovating the London house in which the German-born composer lived and worked for most of his life.

The five-storey house at 25 Brook Street, W1, was Handel's home for 36 years until his death there in 1759. In its first-floor front room he composed masterpieces such as *Messiah* and *Music for the Royal Fireworks*. Downstairs the entrepreneurial Handel sold concert tickets, scores and engraved portraits of himself — advertised in newspapers — from his front room.

The building, which is in severe need of restoration, had been destined for commercial development until the trust succeeded in raising purchase funds with help the National Heritage Memorial Fund. Rooms are being returned to the way they were in Handel's day; the carved wooden staircase is among original features that have survived.



A leaf from Handel's oratoria *Esther*

Simon Maguire of Sotheby's music department — which negotiated a private treaty sale — said the Handel museum could not be a more appropriate setting.

Commenting on the collection's importance he said: "Handel is the rarest of the great composers on the market. This is one of the greatest single composer collections you could find. It is unusually large … We have no record of anything by Handel appearing for the past 25 years.

"In auction terms he is rarer than Bach, Mozart and Beethoven, who we have had on a regular basis at auctions here. Last year, we had a complete Bach cantata. We have never had anything more than a few pages that Handel had annotated."

Brook Street was built in the early 1720s and the composer was its first occupant. Julie Anne Sadie, the director of the Handel House Museum, said: "For many people the principal significance of the house is that it was there, during 24 intense days in the summer of 1741, that Handel composed *Messiah*."

She said that although he was commonly associated with the Haymarket and Covent Garden theatres, it was his house that was the centre of operations. "He composed there, during intensely creative spells — usually between May and October when the light was best — at one of the many round card tables scattered about the first-floor parlours."

The Byrne letter, which Dr Maguire described as the best-preserved example to have survived, touches on the composing process. It was sent to his librettist Charles Jennens.

Handel acknowleges receipt of the first material for the biblical drama *Belshazzar* and refers to Jennens's criticisms of *Messiah*: "Be pleased to point out these passages in the *Messiah* which You think you require altering."

Other items include important first editions of Handel's works — spanning nearly 50 volumes — which were amassed by one of his main patrons and friend, the 4th Earl of Shaftesbury.

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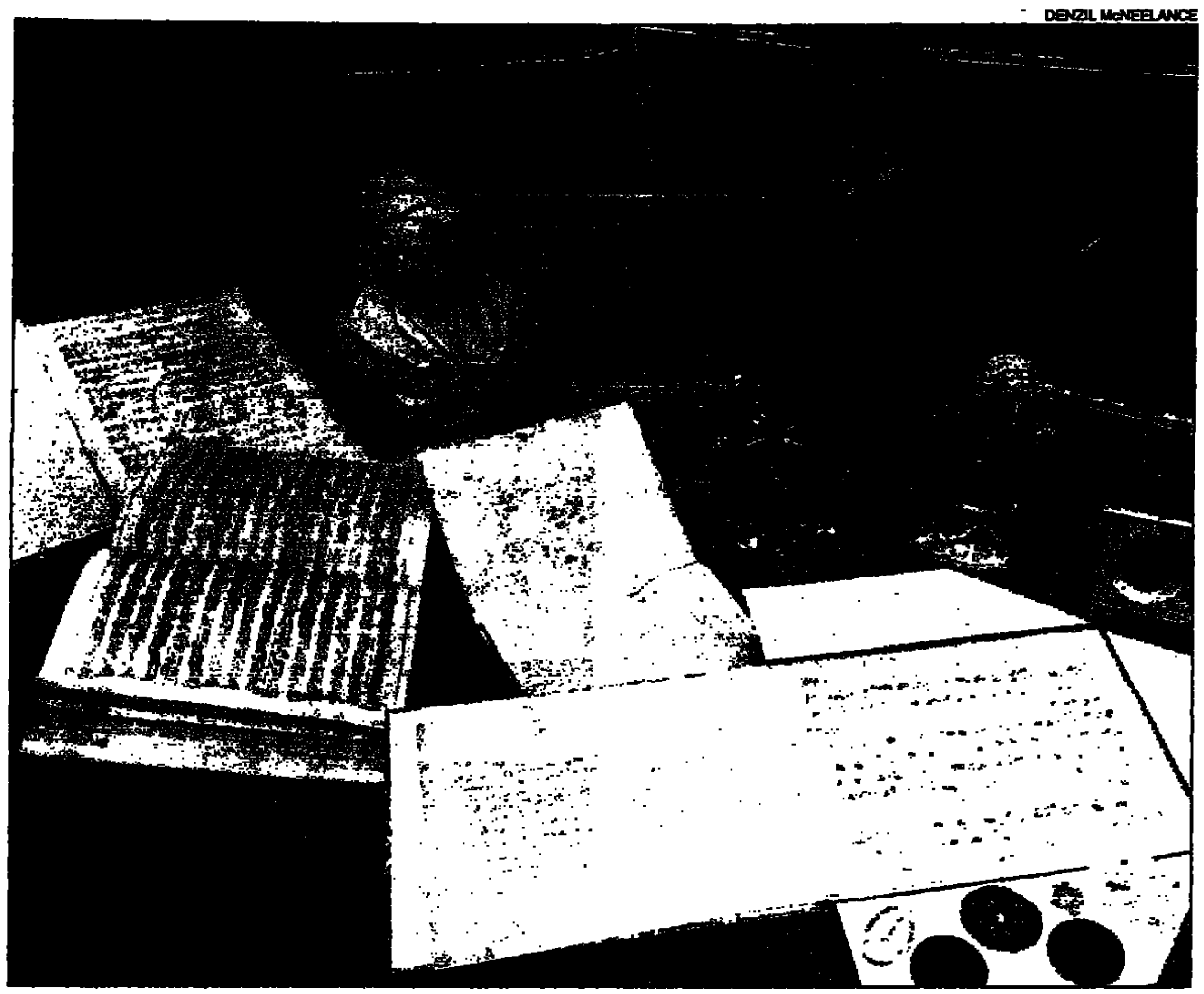


Julie Anne Sadie with some of the memorabilia that the Handel House Museum acquired through Sotheby's

Girl, 10, is dragged from park and raped

By Michael Horsnell

A TEN-YEAR-OLD girl who was raped on the banks of the Thames after being dragged from a park where she was playing was being questioned by police last night.

The attack happened on Saturday night and lasted for an hour before she was released. The girl, from Tilehurst, Reading, had been playing with a friend when she was approached by a man who struck up a conversation.

Detective Inspector George Turner, leading the investigation, said that the man enticed her away from the park. The alarm was raised by another ten-year-old girl who was playing with her and who told her parents.

The girl was eventually spotted struggling towards her home in a distressed state. She was taken to the Thames Valley Police family protection unit where a specially trained woman officer comforted and questioned her.

A 25-year-old man was being questioned at Reading police station last night.

A lorra, lorra loaf may ease Cilla's old age

MEDICAL BRIEFING

While Cilla Black prepares for a new show she is reported to be looking for ways to prevent osteoporosis, which blighted her mother's final years. Black is 54, and should be thinking seriously about hormone replacement therapy.

Jilly Cooper recently said she looked forward to having a natural form of HRT with her morning toast and marmalade.

The author's wish may be fulfilled as Allied Breweries is to introduce a Ladies' Loaf made from soya flour and linseed oil, which are rich in phytoestrogens. It has been sold in Australia, where the advertising suggested that four slices a day of "Sheilas' Bread" would cut menopausal hot flushes by 40 per cent and help to prevent osteoporosis.

The adverts also said that it puts the waltz back into Matilda, which presumably means that it will lift menopausal depression.

Women about to desert their wholemeal crusts for the phytoestrogen-enriched bread should remember how Socrates demonstrated when he swallowed hemlock that a substance is not harmless just because it is natural and comes from a plant. Phytoestrogens, the botanical chemicals which mimic oestrogen, have a powerful oestrogenic effect which may not be harmless.

Black: bone fears

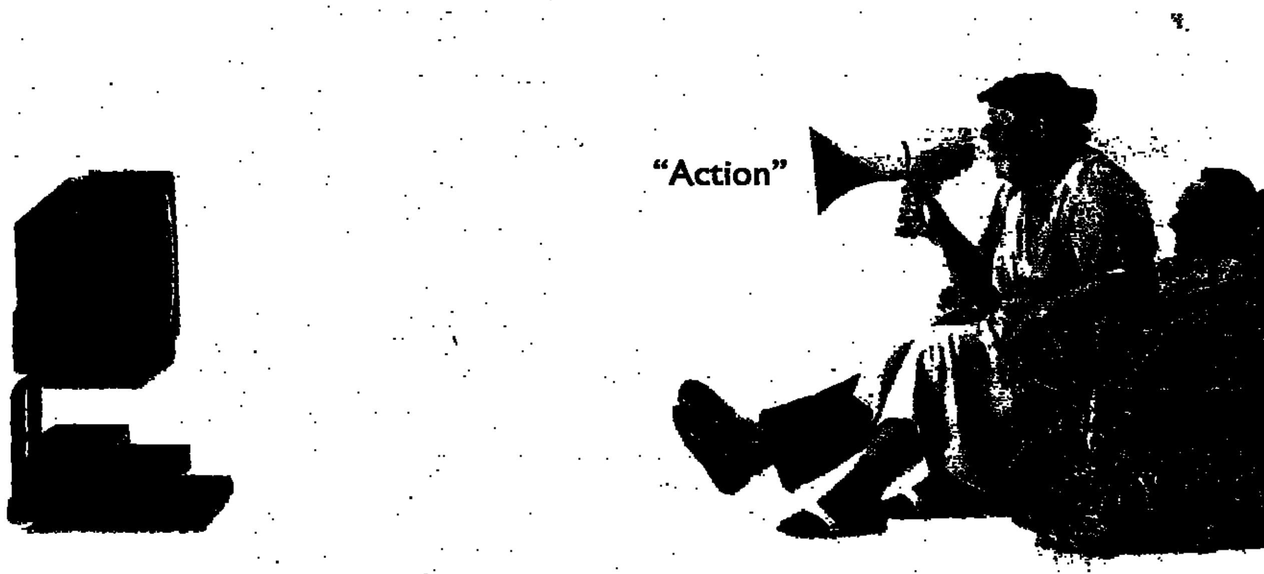
Putting oestrogens, whatever their origin, into bread is a scattergun approach to medicine as the remedy will not be carefully aimed at the menopausal, for whom it will be helpful, and may be taken by other members of the family.

Oestrogen helps to prevent heart disease, osteoporosis and cataracts, and probably helps to delay senile dementia. When taken in excess, however, it increases the risk of breast cancer. (The oestrogen in HRT is counteracted by a progestogen.)

Excessive oestrogen in younger women, absorbed before or during their reproductive years, may make their sons predisposed to conditions such as undescended or maldescended testes, and torsion or cancer of the testes. It has been suggested that the increased levels of circulating oestrogen as a result of improved nutrition may be responsible for the falling sperm count in the West.

Allied Bakeries will presumably continue to bake loaves for Bruce as well as Sheila, otherwise the men of Australia may well find that they develop breasts, a female distribution of fat, lose their potency and start to shrivel prematurely. Their only consolations may be a better head of hair and possibly a reduced risk of prostate cancer.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford



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Long march to negotiating table has not softened hardline resolve

Any party that snuffs out peace hopes by leaving talks will pay a high price, reports Martin Fletcher

FOR all the last-minute manoeuvring, the peace negotiations opening at Stormont today are widely seen as the best chance of resolving the conflict in Ulster since Ireland was partitioned in 1921.

No one underestimates the huge obstacles ahead, but the talks are the first to take place against the background of a general ceasefire. Republicans have finally come to the negotiating table. Sooner or later David Trimble is likely to become the first Unionist leader since partition to face the IRA's political representatives across that table.

The British, Irish and American Governments are determined to resolve the conflict, and the price for any party that abandons the negotiations will be great.

The goal is to reconcile the seemingly irreconcilable. Unionists and loyalists are bent on maintaining the Union while nationalists and republicans want a united Ireland. However, the parameters of a settlement were set out in the Anglo-Irish framework document in 1995 and, for all their public rhetoric, no party would be entering the talks unless they found that outline broadly acceptable.

The document envisaged a devolved assembly for Northern Ireland, and new cross-border institutions in return for the Republic renouncing its territorial claim to Northern Ireland. The assembly will be devised in strand one of the talks and should be a relatively straightforward exercise in power-sharing, though the nature and extent of those powers will be contestd. Strand three, dealing with Anglo-Irish relations, should also be reasonably straightforward.

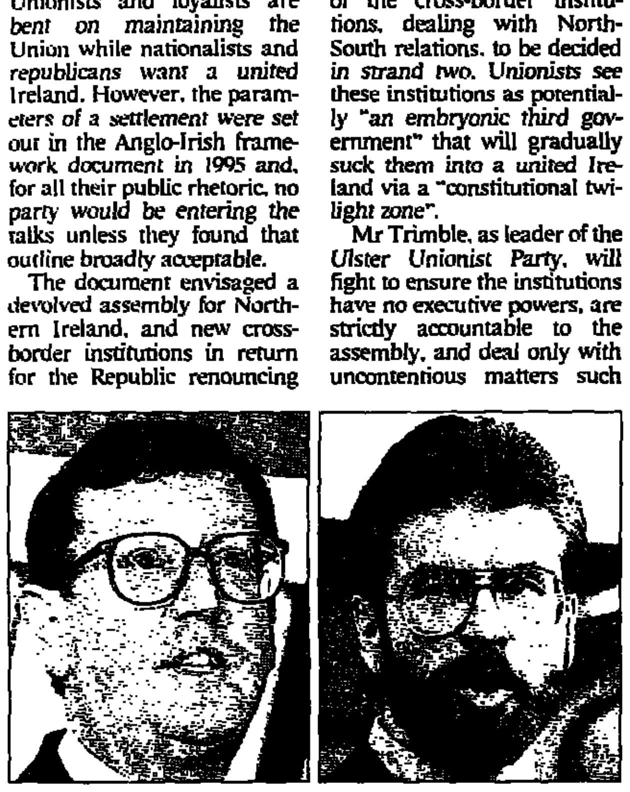
The crux will be the nature of the cross-border institutions, dealing with North-South relations, to be decided in strand two. Unionists see these institutions as potentially "an embryonic third government" that will gradually suck them into a united Ireland via a "constitutional twilight zone".

Mr Trimble, as leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, will fight to ensure the institutions have no executive powers, are strictly accountable to the assembly, and deal only with uncontentious matters such as tourism and agriculture. If Mr Trimble cedes too much he risks the fate of a former UUP leader, Brian Faulkner, who was ousted after the collapse of the Sunningdale power-sharing executive in 1974. Ian Paisley, leader of the rival Democratic Unionist Party, will seize every chance to accuse him of selling out. If Mr Trimble gives just enough, however, he could lock Sinn Fein into tacit recognition of the Union and become Northern Ireland's first Prime Minister since Mr Faulkner.

Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, is also walking a tightrope. He knows he cannot deliver the end of British rule for which republicans have been spilling their own and others' blood for the past quarter-century. He has to produce a package that not only provides immediate benefits for his people — police reform, economic advancement, cultural freedom, demilitarisation — but one that can be presented as an "interim" or "transitional" arrangement on the road to a united Ireland. That means the cross-border institutions must have real powers and the potential eventually to supercede the assembly.

Like Mr Trimble, Mr Adams has hardliners watching his every move, as an IRA spokesman made clear in last week's interview with the republican newspaper *An Phoblacht*. They will want a lot more than the Sunningdale power-sharing executive that was on offer 23 years and 2,000 killings ago. A republican split is not impossible.

Tony Blair has set May as a deadline for agreement. Any package must then be approved by referendums in Northern Ireland and the Republic, and by the British and Irish Parliaments. All that can be safely predicted is that the next eight months will be a political rollercoaster.



David Trimble and Gerry Adams may find extremists on their side, rather than opponents, hardest to please

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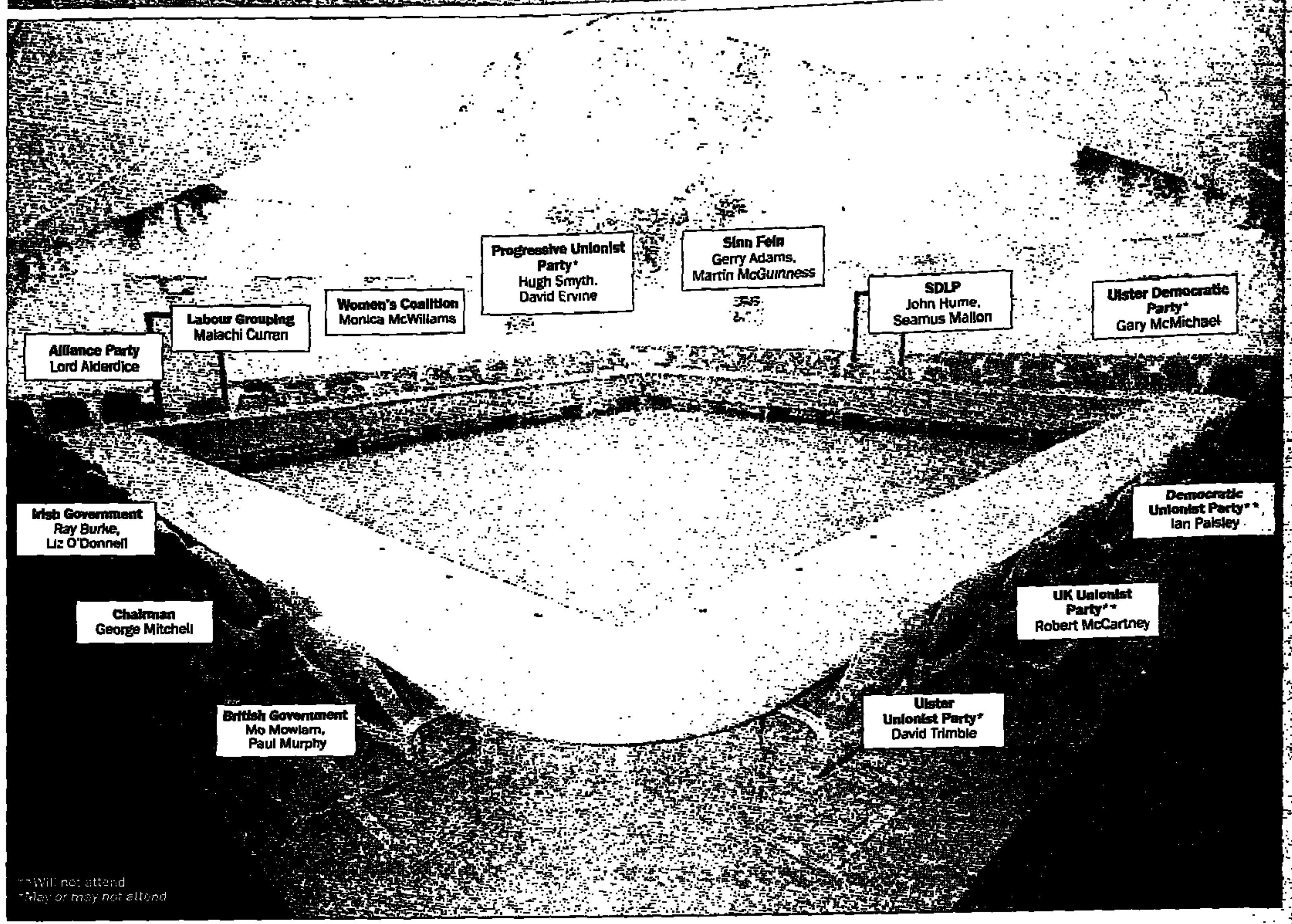
THE SEATING PLAN FOR THE HISTORIC STORMONT TALKS



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Stark building is perfect place for plain speaking

By Martin Fletcher

FOR peace talks so potentially historic, the venue could hardly be more plain. The parties will convene, not in the neo-Palladian grandeur of Stormont's Parliament Buildings, nor in Stormont Castle with its Scottish baronial towers and turrets, but midway between the two in a 1970s glass-and-concrete civil service office block that Prince Charles would probable consider a carbuncle.

The Stormont Castle Buildings are protected by high inner and outer wire mesh fences, between which are a couple of portable buildings where journalists wait to interview politicians. Inside, the Unionist and loyalist parties' offices are on one floor, and those of the nationalists and republicans on another. It is thus easy for them to avoid each other except in the canteen.

If and when they all meet face to face it will be in a large, square, fifth-floor conference room distinguished only by its utter lack of distinction. There is a skylight but no windows. There are a few plants, and some nondescript paintings on the pinkish walls, but no flags or provocative emblems of any sort.

A government official described the room as "adequate to the task, neither more so nor less so. The emphasis is not on luxury but practicality and creating a useful working environment where serious business can be done."

The three-member delegations will sit in loose alphabetical order at wooden tables, bare except for microphones, and arranged to form a large hollow square. Sinn Fein will thus — in theory at least — sit next to the Progressive Unionist Party, which speaks for the loyalist paramilitary Ulster Volunteer Force.

The nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party will be next to the Ulster Democratic Party, which is linked to the paramilitary Ulster Defence Association. The negotiators will not be allowed to bring unofficial bodyguards into the building.

The conference room has been used for talks-about-talks since June 1996. Here Robert McCartney, leader of the UK Unionist Party, held forth for seven hours on one notorious occasion. Here, during an interminable procedural wrangle, a former loyalist paramilitary complained *sotto voce* to a ministerial bodyguard that he had been tortured in the RUC's Castlereagh interrogation centre "but never as bad as this". The only redeeming feature is an adjacent bar that loyalist negotiators allegedly drank dry one night.

The talks will be held on the first three days of each week until next May. Any package will require approval in referendums in Northern Ireland and the Republic and by both British and Irish parliaments.

For Northern Ireland's impoverished parties this could represent quite a windfall. The British and Irish Governments will pay each negotiator up to £100 a day, and each party up to £6,000 a quarter for research plus a £300-a-day support grant and travel and subsistence allowances.

Proximity talks would be far cry from Bosnia

By Our Chief Ireland Correspondent

PARALLELS will be drawn with the Bosnian proximity talks of November 1995 if the Ulster Unionist Party chooses to negotiate with Sinn Fein through intermediaries. But beyond the observation that bitter enemies would be in the same place but different rooms, there are few real grounds for comparison.

The Government has undoubtedly drawn up contingency plans for proximity talks but is reluctant to discuss them. "We think it's more important that everyone faces each other around the table, eyeball to eyeball," one official said. "We'll cross the proximity route if and when we have to."

At Dayton the Clinton Administration, which had the power to lift economic sanctions and arms embargos, essentially coerced the war-weary presidents of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia to gather at the Wright Patterson air base in Ohio. Northern Ireland's parties will attend or boycott these peace negotiations as they see fit. The three presidents and their delegations were each given separate generals' quarters. Richard Holbrooke, the Assistant Secretary of State, shuttled between them, and after three weeks of deadlocked talks all but imposed a settlement. Any agreement in Northern Ireland will have to be approved in referendums and be willingly entered into by both Unionists and republicans, if it is to produce a genuine and lasting peace.

The Bosnian settlement involved partition, and partition is the root cause of the Northern Ireland conflict. By handing eastern Bosnia to the Serb aggressors it violated a basic international principle, and the world condoned it only because the alternative was further "ethnic cleansing". Two years later thousands of foreign troops are still enforcing the Bosnian settlement.

The goal in Northern Ireland is a settlement that will enable the British Army to withdraw after 28 years.

Trimble accuses Dublin of sabotage

By Martin Fletcher

DAVID TRIMBLE, the Ulster Unionist Party leader, accused the Irish Government yesterday of "sabotaging" the international body on paramilitary disarmament that Unionists have been promised.

The British and Irish Governments are expected formally to confirm the membership of that body today, but it remains to be seen if the Canadian General John de Chastelain, the Unionists' choice, will be its chairman.

Unionists say that Dublin has been blocking General de Chastelain's appointment because he takes too strong a line on the need for IRA disarmament during the peace talks. The Governments deny that, insisting that the general cannot chair both the decommissioning body and the strand of the talks dealing with relations between Northern Ireland and the Republic because of the workload.

The Governments originally promised to have the body up and running two months ago, but its belated establishment means the talks may be several weeks old before it is fully operational. Unionists say this shows the Governments are paying lip service to the issue.

Unionists are also angry that the body has been given no powers to require decommissioning, only to facilitate and monitor that process.

Mr Trimble told the BBC: "I would like to hear from the Irish Government a reason why they've been trying to sabotage arrangements that they agreed to in July."

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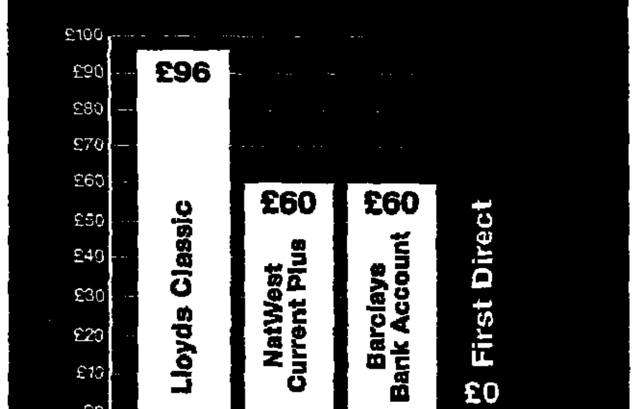

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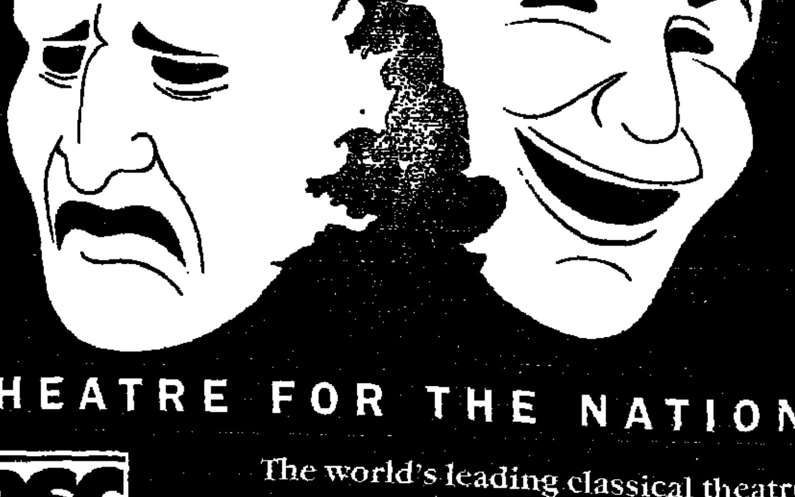

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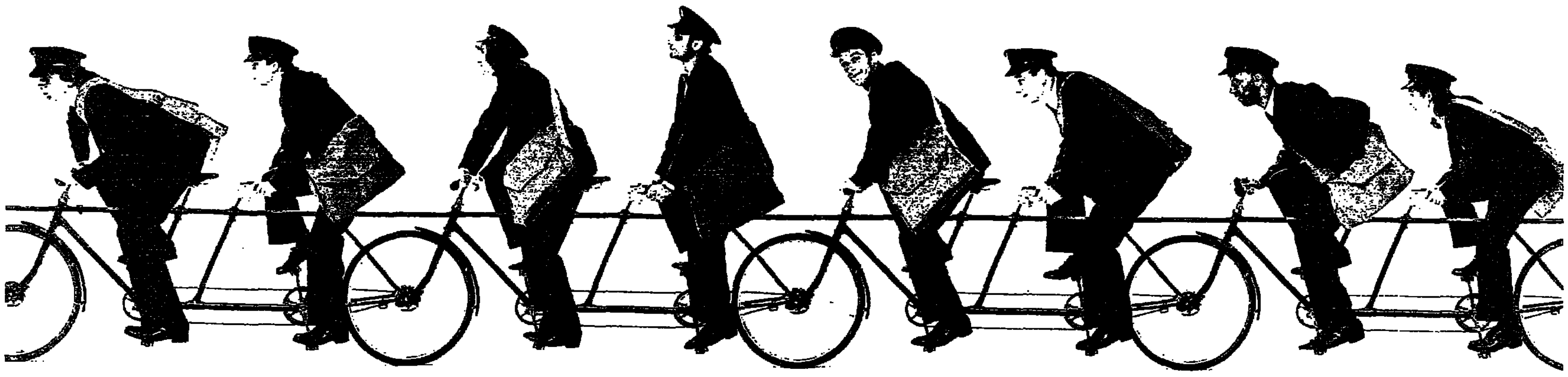

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Update of assault law may include Aids and stalking

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE much-criticised catch-all criminal law on assault, contained in an Act of 1861, is to be scrapped in a government review of legislation on violence.

The Offences against the Person Act is used in 100,000 prosecutions a year, in Crown courts and magistrates' courts, in cases including malicious wounding, grievous bodily harm and threats to kill. It has been strongly attacked by the Law Commission, the Government's law reform body, as creating constant legal argument and delay because of its unclear wording, and wasting thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money in appeals.

It also needs modernising to take account of new forms of assault such as stalking and harassment, and the transmission of diseases such as Aids. Sir Henry Brooke, the High Court judge who chaired the Law Commission at the time of its report on the Act in 1993, has condemned the law as a "disgrace" and a cause of injustice.

The Government has now said that it intends to reform the law, in England and Wales, and will publish a draft Bill in a consultation paper later this year. Lord Williams of Mostyn, a junior Home Office Minister, announced the proposals in a parliamentary answer in which he said that views would be sought on some of the "difficult issues around the technical legal issues" such as definitions of intent, recklessness and intoxication.

Lord Williams said the Government was also to consider whether there should be a new criminal assault of intentional transmission of disease (such as Aids).

In its original report the Law Commission proposed that the 1861 Act be repealed and replaced by a Criminal Law Bill that would contain new range of offences in modern and clear language.

The three new offences proposed were: intentionally causing serious injury; recklessly causing serious injury; and intentionally or recklessly causing injury. The Bill would redefine in contemporary language offences such as torture and abduction and could also extend to stalking and harassment.

Stephen Silber, QC, a law commissioner in charge of the reform of the criminal law, said: "This would be a very major reform indeed, which would be of enormous value and we welcome the Government's commitment. Our proposals represent an attempt to modernise the law so it is written in a comprehensive and comprehensible form."

The law was far-reaching, covering every kind of assault that did not result in death, he added. "The problem is that the old law does not deal with modern situations and through its unclear, outdated language, causes serious problems with cases having to go all the way to the House of Lords for clarification."

At the time of the report, which was the result of almost 20 years' work, Sir Henry said: "I make no bones about it. The criminal law of this country in this field is a disgrace." If the commission's proposals were accepted, he said, they would make the administration of the criminal law much easier and save a "great number of people going to prison unnecessarily and save a great deal of costs and time".

A law that was muddled, irrational, unclear or difficult to apply was likely to produce injustice, the commission said.

Call to let remand prisoners sue

Remand prisoners who are eventually acquitted should be able to apply for compensation from the Government for their time in jail, according to a report published today (Richard Ford writes). The Prison Reform Trust, whose next chairman is to be the former Tory Home Secretary Lord Hurd, is urging that anyone held in custody before a court hearing that finds in their favour should claim for loss of earnings, job prospects and housing. They should also be allowed to claim compensation for stress.

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Common purpose: local people and peace protesters liberated the site yesterday

Opponents of cruise missiles ringing the site in 1982

Peace at last as Greenham fence is pulled down

BY TIM JONES

WOMEN who once were imprisoned for protesting against nuclear missiles helped to tear down the fence at Greenham Common yesterday.

At the height of the peace protests up to 50,000 women clashed with security guards and police at the United States Air Force base. Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary at the time, said that they risked been shot if they breached the fence.

Yesterday there were no guns or guards as the old campaigners joined local people to liberate the 800-acre site and return it to common land. There were cheers and an air of celebration as families gathered, many with picnics, to cut and pull down the 8ft ring of wire.

The cruise missiles were removed in 1991, after the US and the USSR signed an arms control treaty, and the USAF left a year later. The land was sold back to Newbury council and a local trust early this year.

For some, however, the battle of Greenham is not yet over. Jean Hutchinson, 64, a peace protester who was jailed nine times during the 1980s, said: "We were determined to rid this common of the missiles but we still need to protect it from overdevelopment. We are still fighting to protect the common for the people. It is the lung of Newbury."

Jean Gardner, chairman of the district council, said: "This is an historic day for the people of Newbury as we take the first step to returning the common to them."

Already, 600,000 tonnes of concrete has been dug up and used for the Newbury bypass. The only structures that will continue to belong to the Ministry of Defence are the earth-covered silos built to house the missiles. They must remain open for inspection until 2006 under a cold war arms control treaty.

The site, a military airfield since 1941, was sold to the council and the trust for £7 million. Part of it is an industrial estate and the giant hangars are used for such things as go-kart racing.

There is still a small peace camp outside the site, protesting against environmental and military issues.

Some local people shouted at the peace protesters who returned yesterday. Chris Austin, chairman of the Commoners' Association, said: "Their battle was over long ago. It is a shame that this day has been hijacked by people who don't know when to go home."

But for most of the crowds who walked onto the land for the first time in more than 50 years, it was a moment to look ahead. David Rendel, the Liberal Democrat MP for Newbury, who helped to pull down the fence, said: "It is a great celebration. What has been used for the purpose of war will now be used for the purposes of peace."

Lifeboat appeal launch

THE Royal National Lifeboat Institution is to launch its first direct appeal for sponsorship to businesses after fears of a fall in income from legacies.

Each lifeboat station will be made available for "adoption" for £20,000 and minimum donations of £500 a year company are being invited. In return, where a funding package comes from a single sponsor, the company will have its name on a plaque.

The call to business for £5 million over five years will be made in London this week to meet the cost of training the crews who man the RNLI's 300 lifeboats at 219 stations around the coast. Income from legacies is expected to fall as people live longer and spend more on care services.

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Blair's block on bishop may lead to church crisis

Ruth Gledhill

reports on how an unusual veto could provoke new calls for disestablishment

THE Prime Minister's rejection of the Church of England's two candidates to succeed the Right Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, could strengthen calls for disestablishment.

Church leaders are angry that Tony Blair has taken advantage of his right to reject the candidates chosen by the Crown Appointments Commission for the leading bishopric. Bishop Sheppard retires at the end of this month.

Although neither of the candidates, one an archdeacon and the other a bishop from the South East who is a friend of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, was among those favoured by the Liverpool diocese, insiders still fear that Mr Blair's intervention set a "dangerous precedent".

Mr Blair's refusal to accept the two names has strengthened support for advocates of disestablishment such as the Right Rev Colin Buchanan, assistant bishop in the Southwark diocese, who has until now been considered something of lone voice. Although support for disestablishment is by no means widespread it is significant that some senior bishops are now beginning to think along such lines.

A senior church source said: "The Church should not be listening to what the people or what new Labour wants it to do, but what God wants of it. That is what we are missing out on at the moment. Many people believe establishment is weighing the Church down more now than probably at any other time. Especially with the millennium approaching, more questions are being asked than ever before about the role of the Church. The Roman Catholic Church is seen to be scoring heavily, and that is seen to be because it is not established."

The commission was set up in 1977 to consider vacancies for diocesan bishops. At each meeting the chair is taken by the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Archbishop of York, depending on where the vacancy arises. Its members are made up of local and national church representative, as well as John Holroyd, the Prime Minister's appointments secretary.

Two names are selected, usually in order of preference, and the Prime Minister then selects one to submit to the Queen for approval. He may, however, reject both and ask for others to be submitted, although it is possible that the commission would then resubmit the same names, leading to a stalemate.

Baroness Thatcher is believed to have rejected the first choice on several occasions during her time in office, but never both candidates.

A church spokesman said that the Liverpool diocese was "looking for someone able to carry on the teamwork which was such a feature of the ministry of Bishop Sheppard and the late Roman Catholic Archbishop, the Most Rev Derek Worlock. The diocese would like to have another leader who, like Bishop Sheppard, prime architect of the recent influential church report on unemployment, will be articulate on issues of employment, housing and deprivation.

Parallel with the Church's concerns, are those of a Government that is lamenting the loss of many heavyweights from the bench of bishops within a few years. Recent retirements include David Jenkins from Durham, Andrew Graham from Newcastle, David Lunn from Sheffield, and Michael Baughen from Chester.

"They were all bigger than bishops," one source said. "Some of the appointments that have been put into place since then are regarded as dismal, both inside and outside the Church. There is a lurch towards the evangelical, but without the heavyweight nature and the intellectual capabilities of these retired men."

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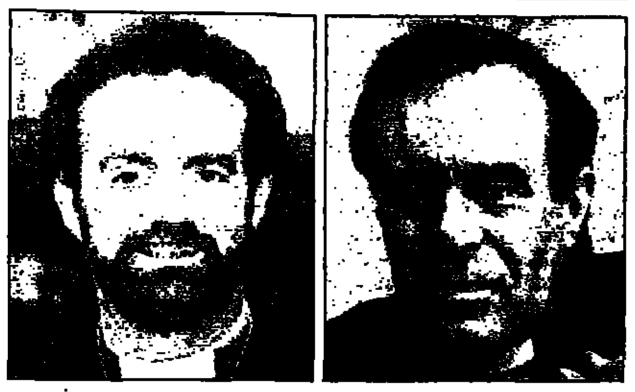

Bishops Jones of Hull and McCulloch of Wakefield

THE two favourites for the Bishopric of Liverpool are the Right Rev James Jones, 49, Bishop of Hull, and the Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, 55, Bishop of Wakefield. Neither was selected by the appointments commission. Bishop Jones is a gospel-based evangelical, and an outspoken supporter of traditional values. He is a first-class speaker and is certainly headed for high places in the Church. Church sources consider it extraordinary that his name was not put forward.

Bishop McCulloch, also an evangelical, has the reputation of being politically astute. It is possible that that the Church has him in mind to head the Diocese of Southwark upon the imminent retirement of the Right Rev Robert Williamson.

EU urged to save skylark

By A Staff Reporter

WILDLIFE specialists travel to Brussels today to plead for an end to farming practices that have virtually wiped out bird populations and threaten the national anthem of the British countryside.

The skylark and the lapwing, once common sights and sounds that inspired poets, painters and musicians, have increasingly been killed by pesticides and ploughing programmes backed by the common agricultural policy.

Officials from the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds will tell Franz Fischler, the EU Commissioner for Agriculture, that the continuing fall in Europe's bird populations signals the need for environmentally friendly CAP reforms. The society says the EU's plans for reversing the decline in the numbers of skylarks, which have more than halved in the past 20 years, are too weak. Intensive use of pesticides has largely destroyed their diet, which consists mainly of insects.

Agricultural policies have been blamed for forcing farmers to use marginal land, where skylarks usually nest. Other bird species under threat include bittern, black grouse, capercaillie, hen harrier and grey partridge.

Barbara Young, chief executive of the RSPB, said: "We want to support the Commission's CAP reform ideas, but they must be changed so that environment and rural development become central and not marginal afterthoughts."

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Richard Dee with the pineapple grown by 18th-century methods. "We shovelled a lot of manure before we worked it out," he said

Gardener finds success in a heap of dung

By Simon de Bruxelles

THREE years of hard and smelly labour restoring the world's only surviving 18th century garden hotbed has produced the first crop of pineapples to be grown by traditional methods this century.

The secret ingredient that ensures the climate in the pineapple house at the Lost Gardens of Heligan is warm enough to allow the plants to ripen is several hundred tonnes of rotting horse manure. Heat generated by the decomposing dung alone is enough to ensure the tropical plants can survive the winter.

Richard Dee, the head gardener, believes that the fruits are the first to be grown by this method since the early Victorian era. He said: "Pineapples were grown in this way in the 1700s and it has been very difficult to recreate the conditions. There are plenty of old books telling you how to grow the plants, but there was no record of how to create the hotbeds out of manure.

"That was regarded as common knowledge. So we were left with no record of how to set up an operating manure hotbed. We tried a number of different recipes and we shovelled a lot of manure before we worked it out.

"You need horse manure with a lot of straw in it — nothing else will do. We get ours from a large riding school." It has taken three years to get the plants, the original 18th species provided by a botanical gene bank in South Africa, to fruit in the gardens, near Mevagissey, which fell into disrepair in the 19th century and were recently restored to their former glory.

The 50ft hotbed has about 100 plants, with 30 producing fruit this season. Mr Dee said: "We had a terrible job getting them through the first couple of winters but the first fruit should be ripe in three to four weeks." They will be sent as gifts to the Queen and the Prince of Wales.

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Devolution will end 'jobs for boys' selection system

If Wales votes 'yes', Labour will vet all political candidates, **Valerie Ellliott** reports

A SYSTEM of vetting all Labour candidates for the Scottish parliament and the proposed Welsh assembly will be a model for Labour parliamentary candidates.

The new selection method will answer those who say that the 60 assembly seats would be filled automatically by Labour councillors or people on the "who you know" network.

By the same token, the Labour leadership has wanted for some time to exert greater control on selection of parliamentary candidates. At the moment they are able to influence only constituency parties who are involved in by-elections. A sub-committee of Labour's National Executive Committee draws up a list of suitable candidates which it then submits to the local party.

As the final push to secure a "yes" vote in the Welsh referendum on Thursday began last night, senior ministers made clear that they were looking for the "brightest and best" people to be members of the Scottish Parliament and the Welsh Assembly. They confirmed that the new selection methods would be a blueprint for all future sifting of candidates who wish to be Labour MPs.

Details of the plan to recruit high flyers might help Ron Davies, the Welsh Secretary, in his final appeal to secure a convincing "yes" vote for devolution. There would be 60 assembly seats, 40 from constituencies and 20 chosen by proportional representation.

One Labour source said: "The principle of setting up a panel of approved candidates will be established. In the past we have tried to exclude people because of fears of entryism, but all that is history. The party will now have to open up its procedures and let new people in."

Mr Davies has stated that his vision of a Welsh Assembly is to create an open, pluralistic and tolerant democracy in Wales.

As the referendum day approaches Welsh Labour MPs who are sceptical of devolution face threats of deselection by their local parties. One of them who did not wish to be named described the scaremongering as "arrant nonsense", but he said that he suspected the Labour leadership might be lining them up as scapegoats in case the vote went against the Government.

The Labour MPs who have said they will vote against a Welsh Assembly are Sir Ray Powell (Ogmore), Llew Smith (Blaenau, Gwent), Alan Williams (Swansea West) and Allan Rogers (Rhondda). A fifth, Denzil Davies (LLanelli) has vehemently criticised the proposals but has not said how he will vote.

The nervousness about the outcome of the Welsh vote is reflected in the level of activity by senior ministers, led by Tony Blair, in South and North Wales this week.

A triumphant Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, was in Cardiff yesterday to boost momentum for the Welsh campaign. But he vehemently denied that his objective was to "bounce" the Welsh people into a copycat vote.

"I believe people will vote 'yes' on Thursday and in large numbers," he said. "I am not here to ask Wales for a copycat vote. It is a decision for Wales, but what happened in Scotland symbolises public support behind modernising the British constitution."

The "just say no" campaign yesterday criticised the Government's strongarm tactics and accused ministers of "bullying" the Welsh people into submission. A spokesman said: "It is disgracefdul that the Labour Party are sending in the likes of Donald Dewar and other English and Scottish MPs and activists from outside Wales to try to bully the people of Wales."

Donald Dewar and Ron Davies, the Scottish and Welsh secretaries, in Cardiff

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, also warned members of the Government that they should not be "arrogant and complacent" over the Welsh referendum result. "The Welsh are not going to be told what to do," he said.

Ministers are particularly anxious about a poll to be released tonight by HTV which they hope will show a convincing spurt in the "yes" vote. Last week an ICM poll for *The Guardian* showed just 37 per cent in favour, 36 per cent against and a significant 27 per cent still undecided.

Sex offenders miss deadline to report for new register

By A Staff Reporter

HUNDREDS of convicted sex offenders have missed a Home Office deadline to register at police stations under new laws. An estimated 700, including rapists and paedophiles, failed to report by midnight last night as stipulated by the Sex Offenders Act 1997.

The Association of Chief Police Officers said yesterday that manhunts would not be launched until offenders actively dodging the register could be distinguished from those still unaware of its existence. Many of those who did not comply had yet to be contacted and told of their legal obligation. Others had delayed due to illiteracy or confusion.

Failure to register — either by post or in person — carries a maximum sentence of a £5,000 fine and/or six months' imprisonment. Analysis of criminal records on the police national computer indicated 1,390 offenders should have registered by September 14.

A Home Office spokeswoman said it was too soon to conclude that half had not registered since offenders were still coming forward yesterday. She said it would take another two weeks to confirm the total.

Tony Butler, chief constable of Gloucestershire, who advised the Home Office on setting up the database, said the point of the legislation was to keep track of sex offenders, not prosecute them for non-compliance.

"Police are not going to rush out in vans looking for those who missed the deadline. It's still too soon to see where we are. We should wait and take stock, though I'm sure there will be prosecutions for non-compliance eventually."

He warned against trying to guess compliance rates before the deadline closed in case it undermined public confidence in the legislation.

Paul Cavadino, Principal Officer of the National Association for the Care and Resettelement of Offenders, appealed to police to exercise common sense in applying the new law.

"Those who have not yet registered will range from devious offenders who are deliberately avoiding registration to inadequate individuals who have not yet organised themselves to complete the registration form."

Mr Cavadino urged Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, to ignore the Police Superintendents' Association tomorrow when it asks him to post on the Internet the identities of those who have not registered.

"Publishing a wanted offender's name and details is often done after an offence when the police are trying to apprehend them. In some individual cases this could be justified to help track down offenders wanted for the offence of non-registration.

"But the wholesale publication of these offenders' names and photographs on the Internet would be a dangerous knee-jerk reaction.

"Publishing their names would be provide an even greater incentive for offenders to change their names and go underground. It would also be an open invitation to vigilante attacks."

Chief Constable Tony Butler: "We'll wait"

Unions and Left issue warning on new pay limits

By James Landale
Political Reporter

THE Government will this week face fierce opposition from unions and Labour leftwingers when it publishes its plans to freeze the public sector pay bill. Ministers will be told such a move would be "completely unacceptable" at a time when members of the Cabinet are set to receive salary increases of £20,000 each.

The looming row, revealed in Saturday's *Times*, will be a key test for the Government, which has pledged to stick to the Tories' tight spending limits for two years.

Treasury officials yesterday refused to confirm that Alistair Darling, the Chief Secretary, would recommend a pay increase of about three per cent when he presented the Government's economic evidence to the pay review bodies this week.They insisted, however, that any rises for Britain's 1.3 million public sector workers would have to be funded from savings within each department.

A spokesman said: "The Government is committed to putting public finances on a sound footing and to keeping the total public spending within existing plans. Pay increases will need to be contained within these plans."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, warned, however: "Some kind of industrial action can't be ruled out if teachers are going to be pushed down year after year."

Stephen Byers, the Education Minister, condemned him for threatening strikes. Speaking on GMTV's *Sunday* programme, Mr Byers said that Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, had pledged an extra £1 billion for education in his Budget for more teachers, more books and smaller class sizes. "Those have got to be the priorities," he said. "We shouldn't be spending it on a 10 per cent pay increase for teachers."

Paul Flynn, Labour MP for Newport West, said many MPs would not be able to accept an indefensible pay freeze. "There are a large number of MPs that are going to go ape over this," he said.

The British Medical Association is this week expected to demand up to 50 per cent pay increases. Nurses, midwives and other health workers want rises of about 20 per cent.

The Senior Salaries Review Body recommended in July 1996 that the salaries of Cabinet ministers should rise from £87,851 to £105,060, with the Prime Minister's salary rising from £102,417 to £145,860. However, the Labour Cabinet agreed to defer the rises for a year until April 1998.

Nigel Evans, the Tory constitutional affairs spokesman, said: "The ministers' pay rise is the clearest example yet of Labour rank hypocrisy."

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France to reveal Vichy's wartime secrets

From Ben Macintyre in Paris

THE French Government has agreed to grant historians greater access to its wartime state archives, including details of co-operation between French officials and the Gestapo, in a move reversing decades of official secrecy.

Lionel Jospin, the Prime Minister, told Henri Hadjenberg, the leader of France's Jewish community, that he would issue a circular to state archivists instructing them to allow access to the most sensitive state records, *notably* those of the police and diplomatic service under the collaborationist Vichy regime between 1940 and 1944.

The ruling, expected to go into force immediately, comes three weeks before the opening of the trial of Maurice Papon, the former Vichy bureaucrat charged with crimes against humanity for allegedly deporting 1,560 Jews to Nazi death camps during the Second World War.

Under current French law, top-secret archives should remain sealed until 60 years after the events, which would mean that the most crucial documents relating to French collaboration and the resistance movement would not be available until after 2000.

M Jospin's decision preempts a French parliamentary debate on changing the secrecy laws and signals a sharp departure from previous government policy. The late President Mitterrand admitted that details of alleged collaboration had been hushed up and legal cases delayed in the interests of preserving what he called "civil peace".

At least 75,000 Jews were deported to Nazi concentration camps with the complicity of French officials.

During a meeting with M Jospin last week, M Hadjenberg, the head of the Jewish umbrella group Crif, told him: "It is important to know, finally, what our archives contain. We should not discover our own history through the archives of other countries, such as the United States."

Earlier this year the French Government promised to draw up a full account of property and artworks pillaged from Jews under the Vichy regime, and another commission is investigating alegations that property owned by the city of Paris may have been stolen from Holocaust victims.

The decision to throw open the state archives is likely to have a direct bearing on the Papon case, which opens on October 8 in Bordeaux.

M Papon, 87, who went on to become Economics Minister, is accused of playing a crucial role in the deportation of Jews as secretary-general of the Gironde region between 1942 and 1944.

"The new order directly concerns lawyers working on the Papon case. Previously off-limits documents will now be made available to them, and much more quickly," a spokesman for Crif said. M Papon's lawyers say he is the innocent victim of a historical lynch mob determined to find a scapegoat for one of the darkest periods in French history.

In an interview with a history journal published today, M Papon said he was the "selected victim" of a "plot". He said the trial's outcome was "a foregone conclusion".

Soon after he was elected in 1995, President Chirac signalled that the taboo on the Vichy years would be lifted when he publicly admitted that horrendous crimes had been committed by French citizens.

The policy of openness has been accelerated by M Jospin, who has promised to allow historians to compile "a complete picture of this period."

The change in the secrecy laws is also expected to open up access to records of other periods in recent history, such as the Algerian war of independence and the role of France in Indochina.

Rail crash and oil refinery fire kill 54 in India

By Our Foreign Staff

AT LEAST 36 people died yesterday and about 200 were injured when five carriages of a train plunged from a bridge into a river in central India, police said.

In a separate accident 18 people were killed in a fire at an oil refinery in the south of the country.

The express train carriages fell into the river near Champa in the east of Madhya Pradesh state. There was no immediate indication of the cause of the accident, police said.

The oil refinery fire swept through storage tanks, killing workers and forcing 70,000 people to flee their homes near the site, authorities said.

The fire at the refinery owned by the state-run Hindustan Petroleum Corp Ltd in the south-eastern port of Visakhapatam engulfed 16 storage tanks. The blaze was still burning more than 15 hours after a leaking pipeline set off an explosion that triggered the fire, sending huge plumes of smoke over the coastal region.

The explosion that started the fire could be heard for miles around the refinery, and the blaze sent flames 1,000ft into the air, witnesses said.

"Black rain began to fall," a local resident said. "The acid in the air burned my eyes and throat."

Firefighting teams from the Indian Navy, and two firms located nearby, Andhra Pradesh Petrochemicals and Coromandel Fertilisers, had been deployed and were continuously hosing down the storage tanks, the refinery manager said.

Firefighting experts were rushing from Bombay and the authorities were sending more foam from Hyderabad to fight the fire. A spokesman said the refinery, which has an annual production capacity of 4.5 million tonnes of petroleum products, had not caught fire and was safe.

In earlier reports of the railway accident, United News of India said that about 100 passengers were feared to have been killed. It said the five carriages were behind the engine and that one of them was totally smashed.

The Press Trust of India said four compartments carrying about 300 passengers and a cargo carriage plunged into the Hansdev River in the late afternoon.

The accident was the latest to hit India's railways, which cover a network spread over 39,321 miles. In August 1995, at least 350 people were killed in one of India's worst train crashes. Two trains collided in Uttar Pradesh state near the town of Ferozabad, 125 miles from New Delhi, in an accident blamed on human error.

According to government figures, 594 people died in 398 accidents in the year up to the end of March, compared with 305 deaths in 501 accidents the previous year.

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Sisters of the Missionaries of Charity in prayer during the funeral Mass for Mother Teresa, the founder of their order, at the Netaji Indoor Stadium in Calcutta on Saturday. Mother Teresa's state funeral meant that, in death, unlike in life, she failed to have her own way (Christopher Thomas writes). She lived by a vow of poverty and would have been appalled by her lavish funeral. She would have been upset had she known she would be carried to her grave on a gun carriage and be honoured with volleys of rifle fire by soldiers of the Gurkha Regiment. "If she were able to speak, she would scold us," said the priest at St Thomas's Church in central Calcutta where she lay in state. Even Mother Teresa's grave, at her order's Mother House, was not the one she had chosen, at a church in the north of the city.

'She would have scolded us'

Mother Teresa could be made an 'instant saint'

From Richard Owen in Rome

PRESSURE is building up within the Roman Catholic hierarchy for Mother Teresa to be made a saint through "popular acclamation", a procedure that has not been used since medieval times.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, said last week that although normal procedures had to be observed, they could be speeded in Mother Teresa's case.

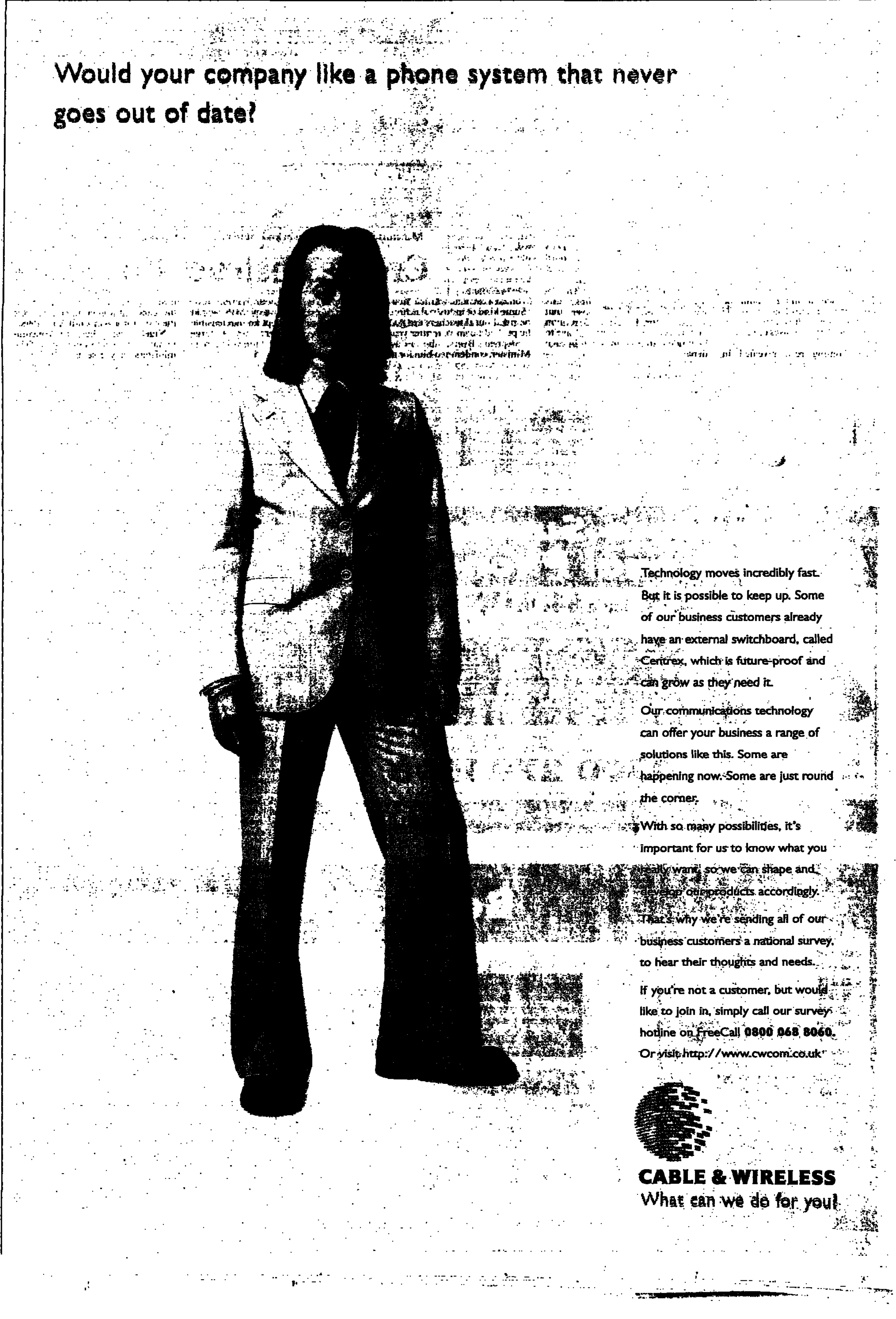
The day after her death, Pope John Paul II described Mother Teresa as an extraordinary person of unwavering faith who had "marked the history of the 20th century ... she made those who had been defeated by life feel the tenderness of God".

A candidate for beatification and the title "Blessed" is considered by a Vatican commission in a lengthy inquiry after being proposed by his or her local prelate. The candidate has to have performed at least one miracle, often a medical recovery which doctors are unable to explain and which apparently has been achieved through the candidate's prayers of intercession.

Canonisation requires further exhaustive investigation and at least one more miracle. The system, administered by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, a Vatican body, was streamlined in the 18th century by Pope Benedict XIV and revised again in 1983 by the present Pope, who decreed that the beatification process can begin five years after death and canonisation ten years after death.

However, some senior bishops have suggested that because Mother Teresa is "obviously already a saint", she should be beatified and even canonised immediately.

Mgr Sandro Maggiolini, Bishop of Como, told *Corriere della Sera*: "At the very least Mother Teresa could be beatified swiftly, certainly in time for the millennium." As for the need for a miracle, Mother Teresa's ability to touch the hearts of everyone on earth with her purity and flawless simplicity was "already miracle enough".



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Hamburg sceptical voters pose threat to Kohl on single currency

INSIDE GERMANY

BY ROGER BOYES

Hamburg is the most English of German cities, proud of its garden parties and Burberrys' trenchcoats. It is appropriate then that Hamburg is also the city-state most willing to tackle British arguments about Europe.

While Britain is now debating Europe with unusual, even eerie, calm, the Germans are in a frenzy, counting the days before the mark is garrotted. Yet so far this year only in Hamburg, whice faces local elections next week, has the Kohl case for a punctual euro been challenged on the stump. Henning Voscherau, the Social Democrat Mayor, hopes to secure his majority with an appeal for a national referendum on the euro.

Although the election involves only Hamburg, it is seen as a litmus test for Helmut Kohl's increasingly frayed Government in Bonn. Certainly, Herr Voscherau's campaign strategy will be a pointer for next year's general elections — the voting will show how the public responds when Social Democrats occupy traditionally conservative positions. Herr Voscherau is beating the law and order drum, urging a crackdown on foreign criminals: the port's drug trade is run by Kurds and Kosovo Albanians. The most popular figure in town is a judge who wants to bring back hanging.

The other conservative line is on the euro. Herr Voscherau knows as well as most German politicians that it would be virtually impossible to organise a referendum on the euro: the whole weight of the Constitution is against referendums. Herr Kohl has ruled out such a popular vote.

So far the Chancellor has not been pelted with herring, though he knows that Hamburg is committed to the Social Democrats. But unless he has completely lost his political nose, he must sense that the mood is turning on the euro; and not only in Hamburg. His speechwriters have long since dropped the assertion that the punctual introduction of monetary union is a matter of war or peace for the Continent. Now the euro is presented as the linchpin of the single market. Hamburg traders do not find this persuasive. Indeed, the man most likely to take the Government to the Constitutional Court on the euro — the formidable central banker, Wilhelm Nölling — is a Hamburger.

The Hamburg election is important on several scores. The Government will find out whether its dismal popularity ratings over the past 18 months reflect a serious erosion of support. The Free Democrats, Herr Kohl's partner in Bonn, are trying desperately to re-enter the Hamburg parliament. The Greens, confident of 15 per cent of the vote, believe they are destined to share power with the Social Democrats in Hamburg and, next year, in Bonn.

Herr Voscherau is expected to do reasonably well on Sunday. If he does, that will nudge his party into accepting Gerhard Schröder, Lower Saxony's Prime Minister, as its official challenger to Herr Kohl. Herr Schröder, like Herr Voscherau, is tough on crime and in favour of a controlled delay for the euro. Herr Voscherau is being tipped as a finance minister in a Schröder Cabinet after Herr Kohl is toppled.

Other smoke signals coming from Christian Democrat party headquarters have been reinforced by the Hamburg campaign: increasingly, the survival of the euro is being linked with the survival of Herr Kohl. For reporters on a wine-tasting jaunt with the Chancellor last Friday, two observations stood out: first, the leader has lost his Buddha-like calm; and secondly, given the failure of his tax reforms and other modernisation moves, he feels he has nothing left but the euro.

That raises an intriguing question for the Christian Democrats: what is more important for the party, Herr Kohl or the euro? If the Chancellor retains his election-winning magic, then he must take precedence over the unpopular euro.

Nothing, it is reasoned, could be worse for monetary union than a punctual but unsteady start, followed by a bitter dispute in Germany, and the fall of its architect. That is why a little election in Hamburg next Sunday has suddenly become extremely important.

Euro pact adds to pressure for British decision

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN MONDORF, LUXEMBOURG

PRESSURE has increased on Britain to decide its intentions towards the European single currency after European Union finance ministers decided to speed the calendar and fix exchange rates among the currencies that embrace the euro next May rather than the start of 1999.

"The British Government is going to have to come off the fence and start some hard planning," a senior continental official said after Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, with the EU's 14 other finance chiefs, agreed on Saturday to what they hailed as a signal of confidence in the monetary project.

Mr Brown, who has promised Britain's best efforts in helping to ensure a successful launch for the euro, would not be drawn on the Government's thinking for the pound. He wanted to "make people aware of the effects of the single currency" and ensure that the business world was fully prepared for the euro, Mr Brown said. The question of possible British membership would be decided only after applying tests of the euro's impact on jobs, investment and other factors, he said, repeating the position fixed in the general election campaign.

However, a clearer British policy is becoming more urgent as the likelihood of the euro's punctual 1999 launch increases, EU officials say. The feeling that the euro may be on the home stretch is being strengthened by signs that economic recovery will enable France and Germany as well as at least half a dozen other states to meet the Maastricht criteria for gaining entry. Ministers and officials used the session in the Luxembourg resort town of Mondorf to attack those in Germany and elsewhere who were advocating delay. "Delay? That subject is closed. Nobody talks about it any more," said Philippe Maystadt, the Belgian Finance Minister.

> ‘The Cabinet is going to have to come off the fence and start some hard planning’

Some EU officials are speculating that Britain could consider an option to join monetary union soon after the notes and coins of the future euro enter circulation in 2002. Britain is due to tell the EU by the end of the year whether it wants to join the currency at its scheduled launch on January 1, 1999. British membership at the outset is deemed extremely unlikely, given the political heat over the issue in Britain and the Government's commitment to a referendum. As holder of the six-month EU presidency from January, Britain will be running the proceedings as the euro club is chosen next May.

While French, German and other ministers at Mondorf depicted their accord as proof of their confidence in the euro, there was little triumphalism in the air. France and Germany failed to resolve a dispute that goes to the heart of the future management of the euro: Paris wants to set up a body to apply political management to the euro zone, to balance the power of the European central bank. Britain sided with the majority that backs Germany's view that no new forum is needed.

The stability of the financial markets was the aim of the decision to bring forward the timing on fixing exchange rates. The future exchange rates among all the participating currencies will be set at the same time as the founding euro members are chosen in early May. Hans Tietmeyer, President of the German Bundesbank, said: "From the time of that announcement we will de facto have a piece of monetary union in place ... The earlier announcement is a political signal that gives security to the markets."

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Muslims wait to vote at a sports centre near Sarajevo yesterday on the second day of Bosnia's municipal polls

Croats obstruct Bosnian elections

FROM TOM WALKER IN DRVAR

CANADIAN and British Nato troops provided food and blankets for hundreds of Serb refugee voters forced to spend a freezing night on a mountain above their former hometown of Drvar as Croatian authorities obstructed Bosnian municipal elections at the weekend.

Mile Marceta, the leader of almost 2,000 Serbs who eventually voted in Drvar, in the valley 1,500ft below, vowed that the town would be wrested from Croat control. Municipal elections have given Bosnians the chance to choose town councils in their pre-war homes. But the Croats, significantly less numerous than their Serb and Muslim neighbours, stand to loose territory won during the war, and only abandoned a total boycott of the polls at the eleventh hour.

Far in the Bosnian northwest, Drvar's 17,000 Serbs were replaced in 1995 by a deeply alienated population of 10,000 Croats — themselves displaced from central Bosnia. Their leader, the town's deputy mayor, a Bosnian Croat army veteran and chairman of the nationalist HDZ party, was in no mood to welcome Mr Marceta. "It will always be the Croatian army in control here," said Drago Tokmakdjija. "It will stay that way until the next war. No Serbs will come back until we Croats can go back to our homes."

Unfortunately for the Serb voters, Mr Tokmakdjija's brother was in charge of their polling station. Many, who had travelled eight hours by bus then waited another eight, were rejected on the grounds of outdated documents.

Late on Saturday President Clinton's special envoy, Robert Gelbard, flew to the town. "We won't stand for it, it's definitely an effort to keep out the Serbs," he said.

With many of its former Serb residents voting by absentee ballot, the Croats are almost certain to lose control of Drvar. Whether the town council will sit, however, is another matter.

Right poised to gain in Norway election

FROM ALISTER DOYLE IN OSLO

NORWAY faces a cliff-hanger election today with final opinion polls showing the Labour Party unsure of keeping its grip on power after a campaign focused on what is to be done with the country's vast North Sea oil wealth.

Polling booths in some areas opened yesterday. The far-right Progress Party is likely to make the biggest gains on a platform of increased pension and health spending, and stricter immigration controls.

Thorbjoern Jagland, the Prime Minister, has insisted that his minority Labour Government will resign if it fails to get 36.9 per cent of the vote, the support Labour won at the last election in 1993. Two opinion polls yesterday showed he was uncertain of reaching that target, even though analysts say there is no clear alternative and Labour may have to stay on even if it falls short.

An MMI survey for the daily *Dagbladet* put Labour at 40 per cent. An Opinion AS poll for *Aftenposten* showed it with 34.4 per cent.

Mr Jagland, 46, made a final appeal with a newspaper advertisment trumpeting unemployment at 3.5 per cent, one of the lowest levels in Europe.

Under Labour, Norway has started saving some of the oil revenues but the Progress Party wants more spending now. *(Reuters)*

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French Right rocked by row over Elvis

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

A MOST unlikely ideological split has erupted within the ranks of the French National Front over the life and legacy of Elvis Presley, who is seen as an icon by some extreme right-wingers and a hound dog by others.

Utterly contrasting views of "The King" emerged this month in two of the principal National Front journals after the anniversary of the rock star's death.

Jean-Emile Neaumet, writing in *Agir*, the monthly National Front youth magazine, depicted Presley as a decrepit and talentless hypocrite and an example of American moral corruption who deserved to be forgotten.

"America was built on land stolen from the Indians. Elvis was built on music stolen from the blacks ... Elvis was the incarnation of good health. He died weighing 20 stone. Elvis publicly condemned drugs. He spent half his life shooting up. Elvis said he loved the army. He spent his military service in night clubs," M Neaumet wrote. The author's advice to young members of the National Front: "Real rockers don't like Elvis. They prefer Eddie Cochran and Gene Vincent."

However, *Français d'Abord* [French First], the newsletter of Jean-Marie Le Pen, the National Front leader, struck a very different note, pointing out that Elvis, "a great artist", was representative of everything disliked by the Left, and should thus be applauded by the extreme Right.

The writer, P.R., whose real identity the National Front will not reveal, said emphatically: "Elvis was the voice of true America, white and conservative, which the cosmopolitan types did not like. That is why we love Elvis."

M Le Pen, who was pelted with eggs during a visit to the National Front-run town of Vitrolles last week, has yet to declare the party's official line on The King, but, given the deepening dispute, he is unlikely to swap Joan of Arc for Elvis Presley as the National Front mascot in the near future.

Elvis: icon of Right or just a hound dog?

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Hezbollah chief vows to avenge 'martyred' son

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

TWO Israeli soldiers were ambushed and killed in south Lebanon yesterday in revenge for the deaths on Friday of Hadi Nasrallah, 18, the son of the Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, and three other guerrillas.

In Beirut, Sheikh Nasrallah, the Hezbollah Secretary-General, thanked God for the death of his son. "I thank Allah for making him a martyr," he told supporters. "We will make peace in this region with our pistols and the pieces of our bodies. There will be no peace with occupiers." He promised "incessant war against terrorism in the region, and Israel is terrorism".

Thousands of tearful Hezbollah supporters raised their fists and chanted as Sheikh Nasrallah told them: "My son the martyr chose this road by his own will."

Earlier, Israel declared a security alert along the whole of its northern border in anticipation of retaliation after it confirmed that the body of Hadi Nasrallah was being taken back to Israel. Israeli officers and troops tried to restrain the gleeful reaction among their Lebanese Christian allies in south Lebanon to news of the death. Ecstatic Christians fired thousands of rounds into the air and let off fireworks in celebration of the killing.

The Hezbollah men were killed just inside the Israel-occupied security zone in south Lebanon in a battle with Israeli forces. Six Lebanese Army soldiers and a civilian were killed soon afterwards in an Israeli helicopter raid.

A senior Israeli officer was unrepentant yesterday, warning the 50,000-strong Lebanese Army that if it interfered on the side of Hezbollah it would be attacked. Friday's battle was the second time in two weeks that clashes between Israel and regular Lebanese forces had been reported.

The increasing predictions from Israeli commentators that the Jewish state is rapidly heading for a new confrontation with the Palestinians, and perhaps with the wider Arab world, dampened attempts by the Labour opposition to celebrate the fourth anniversary of the signing of the 1993 peace agreement between Israel and the PLO. Fewer than 12,000 Israelis attended a rally in Tel Aviv to mark the anniversary which was attended by Shimon Peres, the former Labour Party leader, and his successor as leader of Israel's main opposition party, Ehud Barak.

"Netanyahu's policies are leading us on the path of Bosnia and Belfast," Mr Barak, a former Chief of Staff, told the crowd carrying banners declaring 'Save The Peace'.

However, Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, said yesterday that Israel would transfer to the PLO more of the funds it withheld after suicide bombings in Jerusalem in July, his office said. He was quoted as saying that the funds would be transferred because Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority President, had promised Washington that he would attack the infrastructure of Islamic militant in areas under his control.

☐ **Tennis boycott:** Israel's increasing isolation in the Arab world was highlighted by an announcement that Morocco's Davis Cup tennis team has refused to play in Jerusalem. The Rabat tennis authorities decided to pull out of the encounter, leaving Israel the winner by default.

Nasrallah: gave thanks for death of teenage son

DPA

Hadi Nasrallah, son of the Hezbollah leader, killed in a clash with Israelis

London journalists sentenced to jail in Mubarak libel case

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

A CAIRO Court has sentenced the editor-in-chief of a London-based Arabic newspaper to a year in prison with hard labour for defaming President Mubarak's two sons.

Osman al-Omeir, who edits the Saudi-owned paper *Al-Sharq al-Awsat*, and the Saudi publishers, Hisham and Muhammad Ali Hafez, were also ordered to pay £4,000 by the court for announcing in an advertisement in May that a sister publication would implicate Gamal and Alaa Mubarak in corruption. The paper did not publish the story, but the brothers sued for libel.

Two Egyptians on the paper were also given a year's imprisonment and fined. The five senior executives were sentenced in absentia. The author of the article, Sayyed Abdel Ati, was sentenced to six months in prison, with a £3,000 fine.

Mr al-Omeir said: "The sentence was unjust. Journalists in civilised countries should not be subject to jail sentences for what they write. We are not criminals to be subjected to jail with hard labour."

Al-Sharq al-Awsat is one of the most respected and influential papers in the Middle East and is sent by satellite for printing in many countries.

The sentences will shock the Arab world and be seen as a blow for the region's press freedom. They come only a month after the Egyptian Government was accused by Article XIX, the London-based press freedom lobby group, of crushing freedom of expression with legal and physical attacks on journalists, writers and intellectuals. It said that the Government was allowing religious institutions to censor cultural expression.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Winnie 'happy for new Stompie trial'

Johannesburg: Winnie Madikizela-Mandela said yesterday that she would be "very happy" to face a fresh trial over the death of Stompie Moeketsi Seipei, a 14-year-old boy (Ray Kennedy writes).

President Mandela's former wife, whose six-year jail sentence for kidnapping and assaulting Seipei was reduced to a fine on appeal, was responding to claims by one of her former co-accused, Katiza Cebekhulu, who is in hiding in Britain and has claimed she stabbed Seipei. "I have challenged Katiza Cebekhulu to come forward and stand trial. If this means a retrial I will be very happy," she said.

Briton among dead in Alps

Briançon: Four climbers were killed and five injured in a snow slip in the French Alps yesterday, at an altitude of 11,200ft in an area known as the Barre des Ecrins, rescue services said. Other climbers nearby were ordered out of the area by the police. In two other accidents in the Austrian Alps, an Austrian woman, 71, and a British man, 19, died on Saturday after falling into mountain streams, police in Innsbruck said. The dead Briton, from London, died near Schwaz, in the western Austrian Alps, after slipping on wet grass and falling 330ft. *(AFP)*

German plane crash kills 24

Bonn: A German military plane inherited from the former East German Army apparently crashed into the Atlantic off the coast of Angola, killing all 24 people on board, Volker Rühe, the Defence Minister, said. Those presumed killed were 12 German marines, two of their spouses and 10 members of the flight crew. The Soviet-made Tupolev plane had been en route from Germany to Cape Town, where the marines were to have participated in a boat race marking the 75th anniversary of the South African Navy. *(AP)*

Zimbabwe loan suspended

Harare: The World Bank has again suspended financial support to Zimbabwe, after President Mugabe's promise of an extravagent benefits package for guerrilla war veterans (Jan Raath writes). The bank said a $62 million (£39 million) loan would not be disbursed "until a satisfactory resolution of the war veterans' payments has been reached". The veterans have demanded a reward for their role as "liberators".

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Poland starts Nato talks

Poland will start negotiations with Nato in Brussels tomorrow that will lead to full membership of the alliance by 1999 (Michael Evans writes). Accession talks in Brussels will focus on the political and legal obligations involved in membership. As the talks begin, George Robertson, the Defence Secretary, will be in Warsaw to give Britain's full support for Poland's progress in the negotiations.

U2 concert caused deafness

Paris: A 34-year-old man who lost his hearing after standing too close to a loudspeaker at a concert by the Irish rock band U2 in Marseilles in 1993 has been awarded more than £20,000 (Ben Macintyre writes). A court in the city ruled the promoter was negligent after hearing that the man circumvented security barriers to get near to a giant speaker.

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Matador school a red rag to activists

By Tunku Varadarajan

ANIMAL rights activists are trying to close America's only bullfighting school — where, instead of facing a raging bull, students armed with wooden swords fight an instructor waving a pair of horns and snorting loudly.

The Humane Society claims that although the California Academy of Tauromachy, in San Diego, does not use real bulls, it nevertheless desensitises people to the "cruelty actually suffered by a bull in a ring". The society is threatening to picket the school until the authorities revoke its licence.

Real bulls are not used at the school because bullfighting is against the law in California.

The aim of the institution, run by Peter Romboldt and Coleman Cooney, is to prepare American matadors for proper bullfighting schools in Mexico, where the sport thrives. The final examination, typically, is a mock contest with a hired heifer on a ranch in Tecate, across the border.

The Humane Society, argues that the academy violates the law — the absence of real bulls notwithstanding. Mr Romboldt and Mr Cooney are pawing the ground.

Clinton 'siding with Gaddafi' over landmines

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

PRESIDENT CLINTON has been accused by a former senior adviser of siding with President Castro of Cuba and Libya's Colonel Gaddafi by failing to join the global fight against landmines.

George Stephanopoulos, who left the White House after the President's re-election last November, said Mr Clinton's inability to offer any American commitment to a comprehensive ban on landmines was a tacit surrender to the military and the forces of rogue states.

Predicting the unsuccessful adjournment of talks in Oslo this week on negotiations for a final treaty to be signed in Ottawa this December, the former aide said America's delay was to the detriment of the country's record on arms control.

"That's a terrible mistake, and the President is wrong not to push for a ban," said Mr Stephanopoulos in today's *Newsweek*.

"Aside from the Joint Chiefs [of Staff], the President is not in good company on this issue. Jesse Helms [the conservative Republican] is leading the fight against the treaty in the Senate. Abroad? The usual suspects: Russia and China, joined by rogue states like Iran, Iraq, Libya and Cuba. So it's Clinton, Castro, Gaddafi and Helms against the world."

In what had appeared to be a reversal of policy last month, prompted in large part by publicity surrounding visits to both Washington and Bosnia by Diana, the Princess of Wales, the White House announced its support in principle for the Canadian initiative calling for a treaty to outlaw all anti-personnel mines by the end of the year.

But US negotiators, sent to Oslo at the last minute, have been stalling talks on a settlement by trying to insert amendments that would preserve America's ability to use "smart mines", which self-destruct within 48 hours, and to allow its forces to carry on employing "dumb" mines on the Korean peninsula.

Military chiefs in Washington have told the White House that landmines remained essential in safeguarding the lives of American troops in certain areas, particularly the demilitarised zone separating the two Koreas.

"The President's silence is a surrender to the military," said Mr Stephanopoulos, now a media pundit and teacher of political studies at Columbia University in New York.

"The Joint Chiefs argue against a ban in order to minimise the risk to US soldiers and marines in combat. But their case is flawed, and Clinton should side with the bipartisan congressional majorities and the 100 nations that favour a ban. There's huge public support too, thanks in part to a campaign by Diana [Princess of Wales]."

Mr Stephanopoulos said military planners had overlooked the fact that mines had killed 29 United Nations and Nato peacekeepers in Bosnia and wounded more than 250.

Ten per cent of the casualties in Somalia and the Gulf War were caused by mines and 64,000 US troops in Vietnam were either killed or injured by the weapons, 90 per cent of which were made in America or manufactured by the North Vietnamese with American components.

☐ *Moscow:* North Korea opposes American attempts to exclude the Korean peninsula from any worldwide ban on anti-personnel landmines, Pyongyang's Ambassador in Moscow said yesterday.

"If you exclude the Korean peninsula from the zone of application of a treaty on a complete ban on anti-personnel mines, then it would not be universal and comprehensive," the envoy, Son Song Pil, said. *(Reuters)*

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Katherine Shindle, 20, the new Miss America, splashes out after being crowned in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The former Miss Illinois's title is worth about £180,000

Paula Jones 'targeted for tax audit'

From Tom Rhodes in Washington

PAULA JONES has been made a target by America's tax inspectors because of the sexual harassment case she is bringing against President Clinton, according to the head of her legal fund.

Susan Carpenter-McMillan said yesterday that Mrs Jones and her husband had recently become the subject of audits by the Internal Revenue Service in spite of their small incomes. She said the couple had been selected for an audit of their 1995 tax return and were asked for additional details about their returns in both 1994 and 1996.

"I find it very coincidental that this should have happened," Mrs Carpenter-McMillan said. "For the first time in their lives, the Joneses got an audit ... and she didn't even make any money. I call it harassment."

The Clinton Administration has in the past denied ordering punitive tax inquiries, particularly when a charter airline became the focus of IRS attention during the investigation of the sacking of seven staff members at the White House travel office shortly after the Clintons' arrival.

High-profile conservative groups, including the Heritage Foundation, the National Rifle Association and various policy groups linked to Newt Gingrich, the Republican House Speaker, are also found to have been subject to swift tax inspection, a method of muzzling political opponents exploited heavily during the Kennedy Administration.

Mrs Jones, 30, seeks $700,000 (£440,000) in damages from the President over allegations that he demanded oral sex at a Little Rock hotel when he was Governor of Arkasas. Mr Clinton denies her allegations.

Last month a judge in Little Rock set a trial date for the case to proceed against the President next May, increasing speculation that the White House will reach an out of court settlement.

But her three lawyers left the Jones camp this week after she refused to consider such a settlement. Mrs Carpenter-McMillan and her husband, William, are now acting as her advisers while she selects new lawyers.

Mexico marks 1847 American invasion

Mexico City: A mixture of pride and regret settled over Mexico at the weekend as the country commemorated the 150th anniversary of an American invasion that cost it more than half its territory.

The nation traditionally marks the Mexican-American War of 1847 on September 13, the day legend says six young military cadets fought to the death at a Mexico City fort rather than surrender to US troops.

Mexicans often see the bravery of the cadets — known as the "Niños Heroes" — against the overwhelming numerical superiority of the Americans as a symbolic blow to an enemy they have never been able to beat. "They taught us to overcome armed occupation and the mutilation of our territory," President Zedillo said at a ceremony marking the anniversary.

President Clinton laid a wreath at a memorial to the cadets during his visit in May. But no US president has ever apologised for what historians now widely see as a war of expansion.

America forced Mexico to cede what became the US states of New Mexico, Texas, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, most of California, half of Colorado and parts of Wyoming, Oklahoma and Kansas. The war's legacy still affects US-Mexican relations on issues such as Cuba, with which Mexico maintains links. *(AP)*

Fault slows speed record bid

From Anjana Ahuja
in Gerlach, Nevada

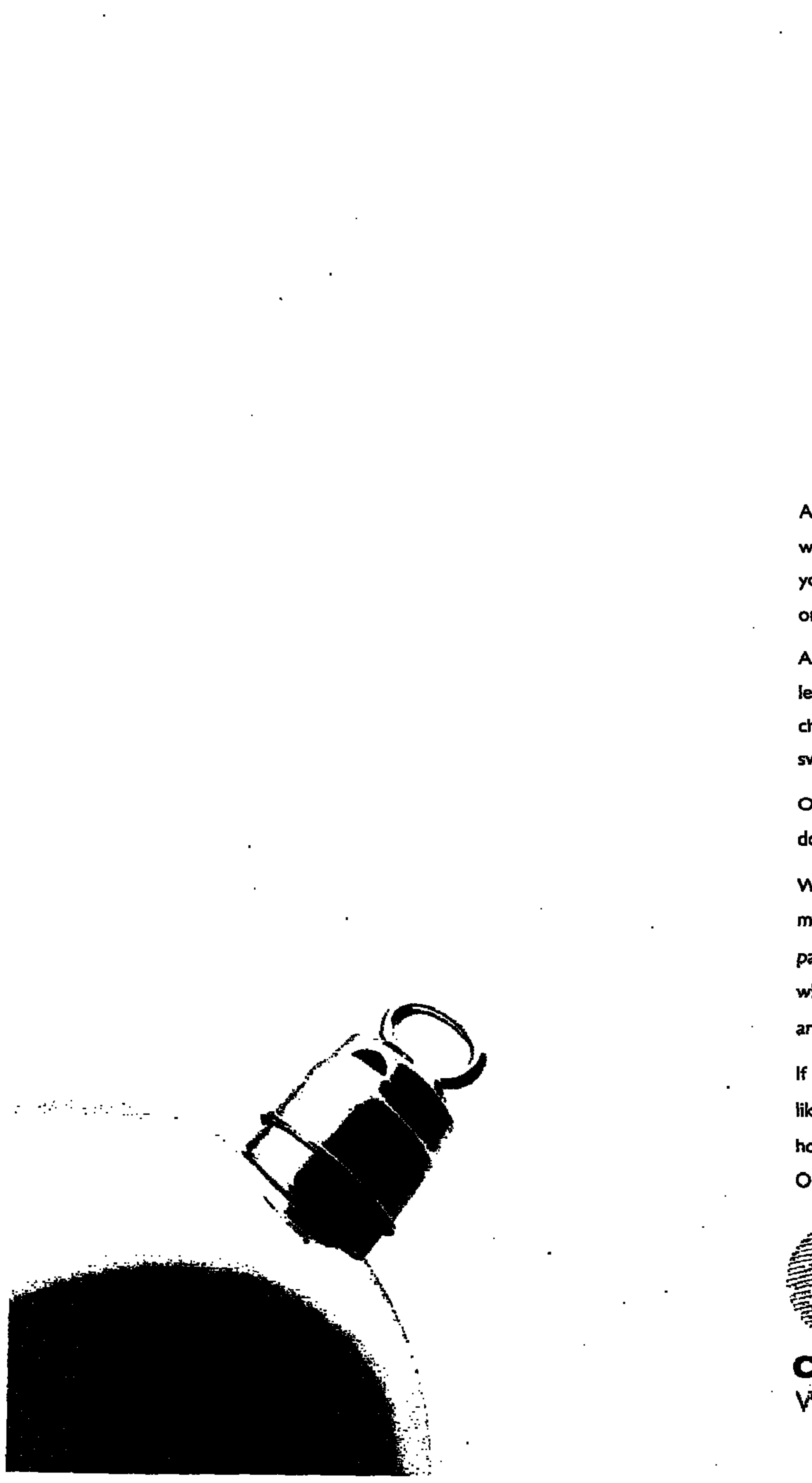
THE British contender in the land-speed record race, the Thrust SSC which on Friday came within 10mph of the current record of 633.5mph, has developed a computer fault and is unlikely to run again before Thursday.

Thrust's American rival, Shell Spirit of America, which was withdrawn a week ago for an engine to be replaced, returned to Gerlach, the nearest town, early yesterday. There had been doubts whether the American camp, headed by Craig Breedlove, could raise enough cash.

Until yesterday it seemed the ultimate prize of breaking the sound barrier on land (750mph), had Thrust's name on it. Richard Noble, head of the Thrust project, said: "I'm really pleased Craig is still in the game. He's a very formidable competitor, very technical and very competent".

Squadron Leader Andy Green, 35, the former RAF Tornado pilot driving Thrust said: "It's much more fun when Craig is racing."

Andy Green, right, and Richard Noble with car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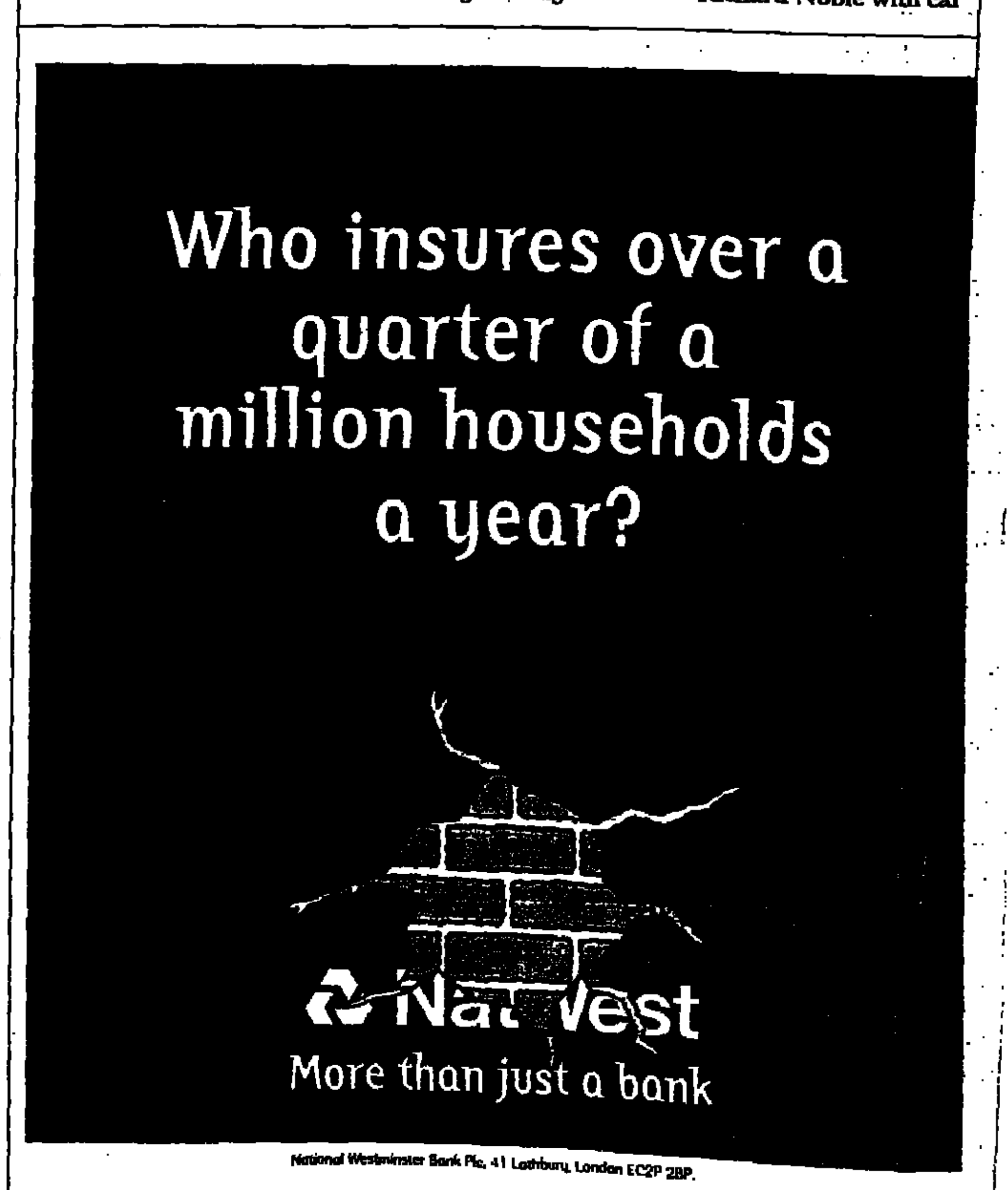
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SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

The nine-banded armadillo has a fatal weakness when crossing the road. When it is frightened, its instinct is to launch itself vertically into the air, a defence reaction that may frighten off predators but is not effective against American cars.

Instead of the cars passing right over the top of it, it is hit fair and square by the grill. As a result, the roadsides of northern Florida are littered with armadillo carcasses, a resource that has been put to good if unexpected use by Dr Diane Kelly, of Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

She has discovered that the penis of the nine-banded armadillo has a structure never previously identified in any organ. The chances are, she believes, that all mammalian penises are similarly constructed, including those of human beings, but that nobody has noticed this before.

Why this secret should have remained hidden so long is a mystery, but Dr Richard Wasserug of Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, who hails Dr Kelly's achievement in *Nature*, suspects that most scientists "or the male ones at least" have been reluctant to take on such a project for either social or psychological reasons.

The penis is an example of an organ which needs strength, but lacks a solid skeleton. The strength is supplied by internal fluid pressure, acting against a rigid sheath. The sheath is made up of fibres that run up and down the organ.

Dr Kelly's discovery, which she has published in the *Journal of Morphology*, is that in the armadillo at least, these reinforcing fibres are arranged not as spirals running helically around the organ but in two sets at right angles to one another, rather like scaffolding. Some run lengthwise, while others run around the organ. The armadillo's penis is the first biological structure that has been discovered to have this pattern.

Interestingly, biologists were already aware of the advantages of such a structure before Dr Kelly found it. An orthogonal array of reinforcing fibres such as she found provides maximal resistance to buckling, clearly an advantage in a penis. That is not to say that breakage of a penis is impossible, but it is thankfully rare. Dr Kelly proved this (nervous readers may wish to stop here) by inflating armadillo penises in the laboratory and subjecting them to tests of strength. They confirmed that like the human penis, they are strong but can buckle if overstressed.

But, says Dr Wasserug, the practical implications of the discovery have yet to be explored. "Could it lead to lighter, stronger, yet safer condoms?" he asks. "Could it improve the design of penile implants?

"To apply these results to clinical situations relies on a knowledge of the loads to which the penis is subjected during normal function. Collecting such data will be a challenge for Kelly — or anyone else who pursues this field of research."

Hiving off the dead bodies

IN THE busy world of the beehive, somebody has to do the dirty job of getting rid of the bodies of dead bees. The task falls to "undertaker bees", who find the bodies by scent then carry them 50 to 100 metres from the hive before dropping them.

A new study, by Dr Gene Robinson, of the University of Illinois, and Dr Stephen Trumbo of the University of Connecticut, shows that about 1 per cent of worker bees do shifts as undertakers, generally only a day or so at a time. The behaviour appears to be genetic, they say, since there is no evidence that the bees are taught to do it by other bees — and indeed if more than one tries to shift a body, they end up getting in each other's way. Undertaker bees are spared some of the labour of comb-building and food storage, but do remove debris, a task that fits in well with dealing with the dead.

To study the undertaker bees, the entomologists tagged them with plastic labels, and followed them as they laboured away. "Understanding the career choices of bees is a useful model for understanding bee behaviour in general," says Dr Trumbo, whose study appears in *Behavioural Ecology and Sociobiology*.

After the sandwich, eat the wrapper

AN Australian nutritionist has come up with a novel way of reducing litter. Dr David Topping, of the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, suggests — only partly tongue-in-cheek — that in future after people have eaten their sandwiches, they can eat the wrapper, too.

It might even do them good. Dr Topping was referring to a type of plastic made from "resistant starch", a material produced from plants that got its name because it resists digestion, passing through the stomach and lower intestine intact. In the large intestine, it encourages the development of healthy bacteria which are known to protect the bowel against cancer and other diseases. The bacteria are the same as those found in some brands of yoghurt.

Previously it was thought that fibre in food was the active ingredient in encouraging the bacteria to grow, but now it is clear that the resistant starch is responsible, Dr Topping says. The starch can be used to form an environment-friendly packaging which could even be eaten, he says. Resistant starch could also be used to carry chemicals through the digestive tract to treat diseases of the bowel.

Sweet smell of romance

Do human beings possess a 'sixth sense' of smell? Anjana Ahuja reports

Having no luck pursuing the object of your desire? It could be time to ditch the etiquette manual. If you believe the advertisements for perfumes containing pheromones, the key to success lies in swapping expensive aftershave for good old body odour.

It might sound dubious but just think of the results. In an ideal world, those animal smells would send a subliminal sexual signal capable of inspiring great passion. Then again, he or she might never want to come near again.

Scientists have not been able to agree whether human beings have the right olfactory equipment to pick up on the scent of lust. However, the dispute is set to intensify with the news this month that researchers have discovered a new system of smell in rats and mice. The system refines their ability to detect pheromones, chemical signals related to sexual behaviour. Such signals are known to exist in the animal world; they trigger the urge to mate, among other things. Some people believe that humans exchange similar subliminal chemical signals.

The latest discovery bestows upon the rat a third system of smell. The animal sniffs out everyday odours, such as food, using receptors on the nasal membrane which link up, via nerve fibres, to the olfactory bulb. Human beings employ an identical technique.

The rodent, however, goes one better. It possesses a distinct structure responsible for detecting pheromones. Scientists were astonished to find that this structure, called the vomeronasal organ (VNO), boasts its own complement of odour receptors, determined by a separate family of genes.

The latest twist, reported in the current issue of *Cell*, is that the VNO in rats and mice has a second set of odour receptors, associated with yet another set of genes. Dr Linda Buck, from Harvard Medical School, made the discovery in rats; Dr Catherine Dulac, from Harvard University, reported her results in mice.

Why the VNO in these animals should have two autonomous detection systems is a mystery. One suggestion is that each system is tuned to pheromones performing different roles, such as reproduction and social status. Another idea is that the various sets of receptors lock onto different portions of an odour molecule.

What does this have to do with us? Because mice, rats and people share a substantial genetic heritage, gene families in these small mammals are often mirrored by groups of genes in human beings. Supporters of pheromone research are likely to claim that, somewhere in their genetic makeup, people do indeed possess a "sixth sense" of smell that governs relationships with the opposite sex.

In fact, there is evidence that we have one of these special organs up our noses. "We have known over the past 300 years that the VNO develops in embryos but it was always reported to disappear," Professor Michael Meredith, a VNO expert from Florida State University, says. "Then researchers looked in a different place in adults and found it again."

The pertinent question, Professor Meredith says, is whether the organ is actively connected to the brain. "We know from studying corpses that there are nerve bundles from the VNO to the brain but we have no proof they were active."

If anything, Professor Meredith believes the new research destabilises the theory that human beings can detect pheromones. This is because the receptor proteins generated by these brand new genes are flawed. Dr Dulac, who has found some matching human genes, therefore thinks that these faults will appear in the human proteins, too.

In other words, even if we choose to believe we send out chemical signals to each other, our pheromone antennae are genetically switched off. This view will not be universally popular.

The Pherin Corporation, whose laboratories are at the University of Utah, earns its keep through selling bottled human pheromones through a company called Erox. Both Pherin and Erox were set up by Dr David Berliner, a Professor of Anatomy at the university.

Pherin holds a patent on the use of human pheromones in fragrances, and is planning to bring its concoctions, Realm Man and Realm Woman, to Britain.

Professor Meredith says it is difficult to isolate completely the VNO from other organs, so changes which Pherin claims it has recorded could have been accidentally induced. He doesn't hide his scepticism. "The human pheromone business runs on rumour and hope, not on fact. And now it looks like the issue is going to get interesting."

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Some scientists believe that people exchange subliminal chemical signals, similar to those that exist in the animal world

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A very awkward customer

David Walsh stalks supermarkets and calls himself a consumers' crusader. The stores see it as a vendetta. Interview by **Bill Frost**

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Treat yourself!
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Dr David Walsh: "I come every day in the hope that they may have pulled their socks up," he says. "They haven't managed to get rid of me, but they'd love to"

After glaring furiously at the last few remaining bananas on the shelf, Dr David Walsh begins to hum ominously under his breath while hopping up and down. Then, to the surprise of all about him, he bursts into song.

"Yes, we have no bananas, we have no bananas today!" A fixed smile takes over his face while he bellows the line a dozen times; those unfortunate enough to be within earshot back away swiftly.

Dr Walsh is one of life's complainers. He enjoys being awkward, enjoys taking on the big battalions — always has, always will. He does not get mad, he always gets even.

Like Rumpelstiltskin in blue nylon shorts, he whirls from aisle to aisle at his local Tesco supermarket in Maidstone passing judgment on every item, from soft fruit to own-brand washing powder. It's a daily routine, and the staff have come to fear and hate their tormentor.

His pugnacious jawline and set expression of angry disapproval strike terror into checkout girls, shelf loaders, cleaners and managers alike.

"My aim in life is to give them a hard time and I think I have succeeded," he says proudly, while poking pears contemptuously with his bitten fingernails.

"This *really* drives me mad! The pears are either too hard or too soft — it should not be beyond the wit of this lot to get some ripe ones onto the shelves," he says, while again hopping from foot to foot in apparently demented fury.

Tesco opened for business in Maidstone at about the same time that Dr Walsh, an erstwhile law lecturer in the United States, moved to his home, which backs on to the supermarket car park. His vendetta against the store began the first day he crossed the threshold.

"I think it all started at the meat counter. I asked why British beef was so much more expensive than Australian meat, and was met with this 'take it or leave it' attitude.

"Then I started looking closely at everything on sale and realised that I wasn't getting value for money. And as for customer service, forget it!"

Dr Walsh, 53, tears at another cruelly chewed nail as he recalls the "scandal of the yellow peppers". The memory haunts him still — "as much as 85 pence each one day and absolutely no flavour".

His eyes roam the store, seeking out someone in authority — "only one cherry pie left at 2pm on a Friday and they won't restock the shelves until tomorrow morning — what sort of service is that?"

A young trainee manager walks up behind him and, recognising Dr Walsh's squat physique at the last minute, beats a hasty retreat to household goods on the next aisle.

Unaware that his prey has escaped him, he carries on fulminating against the store. "I come every day in the hope that they may have pulled their socks up. They haven't managed to get rid of me, but they'd love to.

"Everyone from the manager on down trembles in terror when I am in because they don't know what I'll get up to next. They think I'm mad, but not one of my complaints has ever been unsubstantiated."

> 'I wasn't getting value for money. As for service, forget it!'

He flies into a fresh tantrum when he sees a shopper paying with a credit card at a cash-only till. "Rules are there for a purpose. She is just delaying everyone else and it shouldn't be allowed."

Some days he pops into his local Sainsbury, too. He says that his reception is not always as cordial as he would like.

"The manager once had the cheek to tick me off for complaining, and one of his checkout girls laughed in my face when I asked to see her superior. I can't remember what the issue was, but their manner left a lot to be desired."

He models himself on Ralph Nader (the American consumer campaigner). "I suppose you could call me a consumers' crusader, rather like him," he says.

"And it's not just empty complaining either — I get results. While I was working in Dallas, I shut stores down by organising boycotts.

"One manager agreed to assemble his staff, and I walked down the line pointing out those people whose work wasn't up to scratch. I think they got the sack."

Does he feel a twinge of guilt over their dismissal? "Not at all. If they are not up to the job, then somebody else should be doing it."

Dr Walsh, one of three monumentally awkward characters to feature in *The Complainers*, Channel 4's *Cutting Edge* programme on Tuesday, September 23, never buys more than half a dozen items on his daily visits to Tesco. "I must admit that the cherry pies are very good," he says grudgingly.

"But I do my main shop in France twice a month," he adds. "Everything there is so much better and so much cheaper, and I cover my travelling costs on what I save — everything from peppers to kitchen towel is less expensive."

Andrew Coker, Tesco's communications manager, has met Dr Walsh only once — but he says that it is unlikely he will forget the encounter.

"Perhaps his is not simply a vendetta against the Maidstone store. Perhaps it's a vendetta against all supermarkets — perhaps it is a vendetta against the whole world.

"I just feel sorry for the staff, though. We have had a couple of girls leave because of Dr Walsh. OK, maybe we get things wrong sometimes, but we are the first to admit a mistake and put things right. However, when a complaint is made for its own sake, when someone is having a go for its own sake, that is dreadful for the staff, whose life is stressful enough anyway," he says.

So why does Dr Walsh drive himself to distraction in Tesco every day? Could he possibly have become obsessed, a little unhinged even? He looks blank for a moment or two after the question is asked.

"It has never crossed my mind that I might be going mad, never once. But this vendetta has caused me a lot of stress — I dream about Tesco sometimes, dream that I am standing outside with a big banner criticising the goods and lack of customer service.

"I'll never give up, though. They can say what they like — and some staff have been insulting — but I will still keep coming back, day in, day out. The trouble with us Brits is that we accept whatever is put in front of us without complaint. Well, not me.

"Of course it makes me angry that they treat me with contempt. The people at Tesco think I am a troublemaker because I point out that their shelves aren't restocked often enough, unless it is with expensive items or junk food.

"And of course I am tense," he says, glowering at the frozen desserts, and tearing at another bitten nail.

He adds: "It is so infuriating when goods are overpriced and the staff couldn't care less about the customers. It's a stressful mission that I have chosen, but someone's got to do it."

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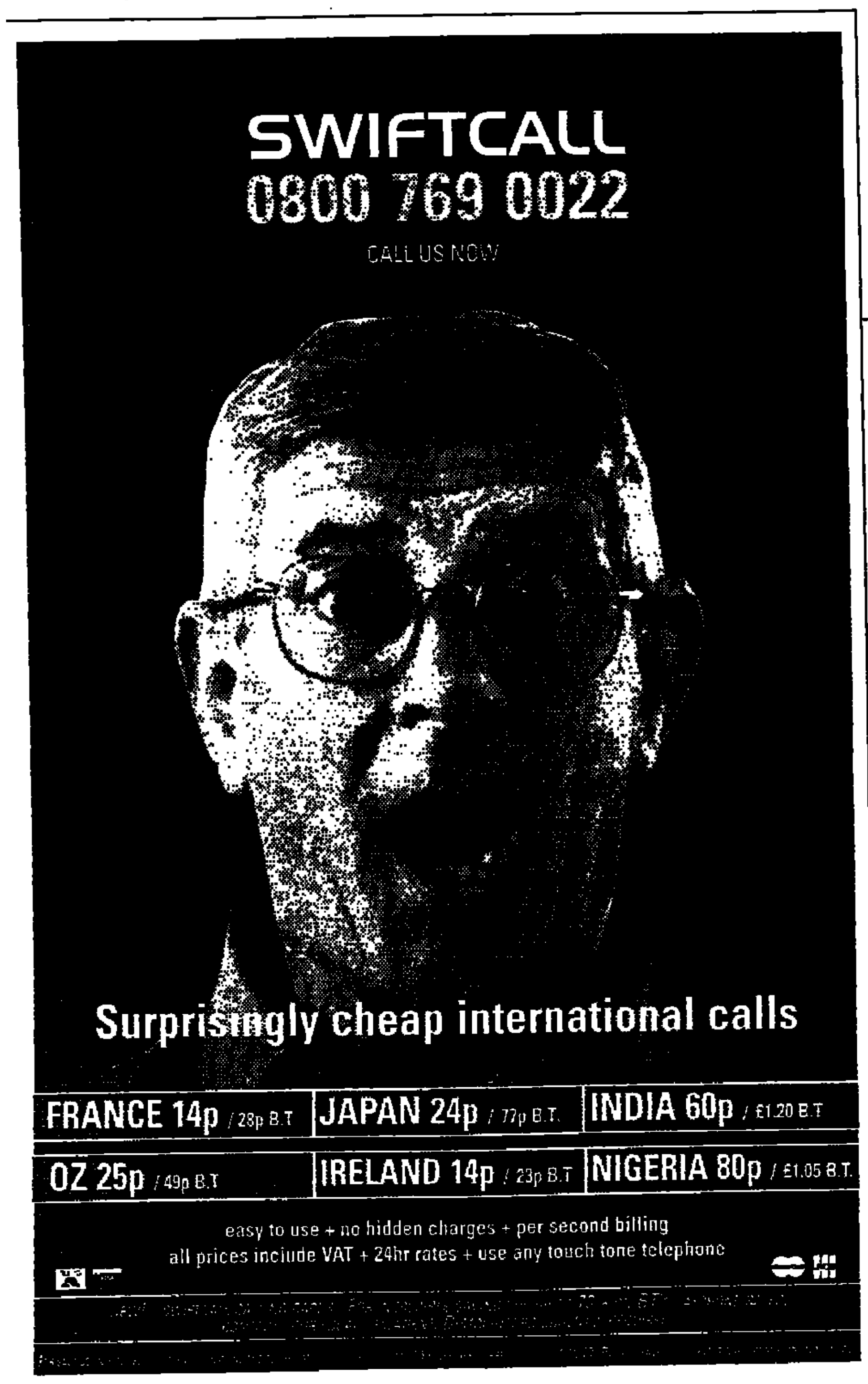
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How a drink a day can help to protect the heart from harm

In 1991, a British epidemiologist confirmed what many doctors had long suspected: that alcohol can reduce the risk of cardiac disease. In the second extract from his new book, **Dr Thomas Stuttaford** explains how moderate amounts of alcohol can help to ward off one of the leading causes of death

TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Vive la Nation

The French have long lauded the benefits of wine. Now doctors advise that a little light imbibing can help to prevent the onset of heart disease

When I joined my family's practice in rural Norfolk there were patients who would long since have died had they been living near the London teaching hospital where I worked. Their survival puzzled me for a long while, but I slowly realised that there were three components to it.

The patients, now elderly, had taken steady, regular exercise all their lives while working on the land. Many of those who had worked on farms had osteoarthritis after years of toiling in damp, windswept fields, and consequently took aspirin daily, which helps to protect the heart and blood vessels. The third factor was that very few of my Norfolk patients were teetotallers.

Wine-drinking was not then popular in Norfolk, but those who lived in my practice regularly enjoyed beer and had whisky when there was anything to celebrate. One retired farmer must have weighed 20 stone, had high blood pressure and a puce complexion: each day as I drove past his gate I was surprised that his Maker had spared him for another 24 hours. His wife was of similar build.

Years later, I went back and there, by the gate, was the same old man with his wife. Neither seemed to have changed. I told him that on no account was he to stop either his daily pint or aspirin.

Although evidence of the benefits of alcohol had been accumulating for many years, it continued to be denied by doctors until October 1991, when Sir Richard Doll, an Oxford-based epidemiologist and an internationally accepted leader in his field, declared that drinking up to four glasses of wine a day reduced the likelihood of coronary thrombosis. Those who had advocated this, and had been derided for it, were at last vindicated.

Since the early 1970s, rumours had been circulating that French doctors had confirmed that wine had a cardioprotective effect not shared equally by other forms of alcohol. At first British doctors dismissed, even ridiculed, the idea that wine could have a greater benefit than other drinks. However, at about the same time two studies in America were showing that moderate drinkers had less heart disease than either teetotallers or heavy drinkers.

In California, a research team reviewed the drinking habits of 87,526 female nurses. The survey showed a marked reduction in heart disease in moderate drinkers, which far outweighed any increase in death from other causes. Further work with the nurses has shown that moderate drinkers not only have less lethal heart disease, but also suffer from fewer other fatal illnesses. Another study, of 1,422 male civil servants, also revealed thatlight and moderate drinkers showed less evidence of heart disease than heavy drinkers or abstainers. The findings of large-scale population studies have been supported by animal experiments. In one, two scientists, David Clerfield and David Kritchevsky, compared the effect of wine, beer and spirits on rabbits that had been enjoying gluttonous meals enriched with fats. Those that had only water to drink with their meals had the worst arteries. Beer and spirit drinkers fared little better. The wine drinkers, conversely, had to some extent been protected from arterial disease. Recent research, on human beings rather than rabbits, has shown that some forms of beer provide better protection than others. The dark brown beers really are, as the advertisements suggested, "good for you". We now know dark beers contain more of the known flavonoids than light beer.

Moderate drinkers have less heart disease

In 1995 a Copenhagen survey found that wine drinkers were indeed favoured by the gods, and enjoyed better health than those who were either abstainers or beer drinkers. Spirit drinkers in Copenhagen did only marginally better than teetotallers.

However, there is one cloud: a small proportion of heavy drinkers may find that their habit leads to cardiomyopathy, or disease of the heart muscle.

The famous 18th-century physician Dr Heberden noticed in 1772 that a "nightcap" prevented nocturnal angina, but it was 200 years before the effect of alcohol on this condition was scientifically investigated. In 1956 the *Journal of the American Medical Association* carried an account by Dr Russek of experiments in which a couple of double whiskies were compared , with nitroglycerine as preventers of angina. Dr Russek was surprised to find that, although whisky was just as good as glyceryl trinitrate at banishing the pain, it had no effect on the electrocardiogram, ECG.

Later experiments showed that normal coronary arteries flowing through undamaged heart muscles are indeed dilated by alcohol, but that once a heart has been damaged by coronary heart disease, it behaves differently.

One of my patients who developed coronary heart disease in his forties was chairman of an international company, a role that necessitated constant air travel from one capital city to another. Each time my patient flew, he suffered angina. We tried all the standard anti-anginal agents without success, until one day, just before I had lunch with him, he handed me a powerful whisky.

The whisky jogged my memory of Dr Heberden's comments and of Dr Russek's research. I suggested that in future, my patient should always have, regardless of the time of day, a whisky before he flew. Twenty-five years later the patient still travels the world, but tells me that he "always has his whisky in the departure lounge". He has had many attacks of angina since our lunch, but never when flying.

Research is continuing into other benefits of alcohol. Few branches of medicine have progressed so much in the past 50 years as cardiology. There have been great advances in cardiac surgery, and many sufferers from heart disease owe their lives to this high-tech medicine. However, two simple substances, alcohol and aspirin, which have been available for centuries, have contributed to these advances.

● *From* To Your Good Health: the Wise Drinker's Guide, *by Dr Thomas Stuttaford*, Faber and Faber. *Times readers can buy the book for just £10.99 (hardback), a saving of £2 on the publisher's RRP of £12.99, or £7.99 (paperback), by calling* The Times *bookshop on 0990 134 459*

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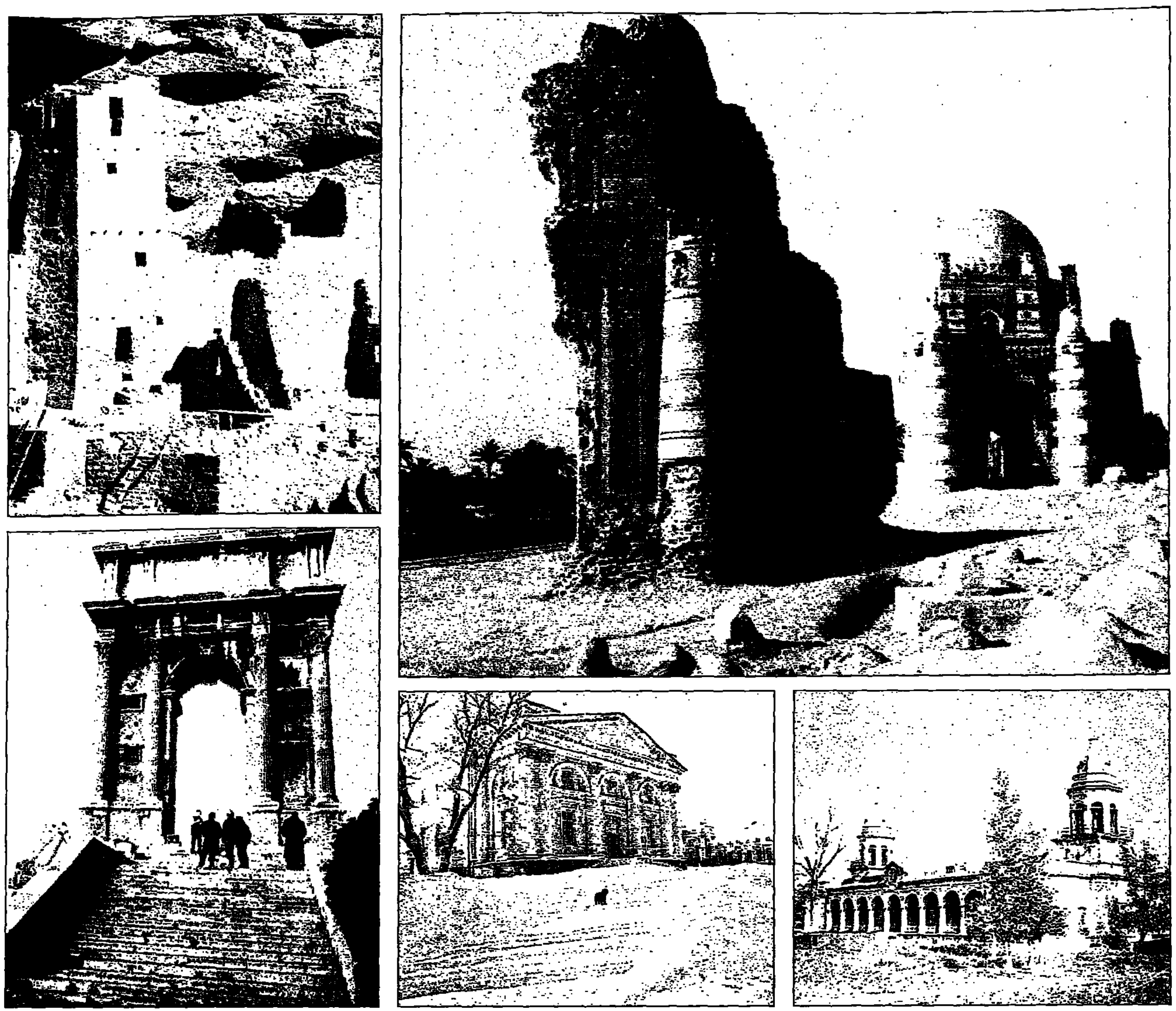
Marcus Binney scans a list of the world's '100 Most Endangered Sites', which is published today



Clockwise from top left: Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado; Uch Monument, Pakistan; Carolina Hacienda, Mexico; Alexander Palace, St Petersburg; Arch of Trajan, Italy

Mission: stop the crumble

The race to save the world's forgotten heritage takes a stride forward today with the publication of a new list of "The 100 Most Endangered Sites" by the World Monuments Fund. The importance of this list is that anyone anywhere may propose candidates. They do not have to be approved by governments or vetted by civil servants.

The WMF list only exists courtesy of a £1 million grant offered by American Express. But its effectiveness is shown by the fact that three quarters of the nominations on the first list, published last year, have been removed because the danger is no longer acute.

Pride of place this year must go to the Ugandan Roman Catholic bishop who, having failed to get included on the first list in 1996, badgered the WMF organisers in New York from a payphone until they accepted his case. His cathedral at Masaka may date from only 1917, but the value of the list is that it includes 19th and 20th-century structures as well as ancient and prehistoric ones.

From Moscow comes the Russakov Club by the great Constructivist architect Konstantin Melnikov, where the theatre is unsafe. Scotland's nomination, after years of campaigning by Gavin Stamp ("Piloti" in *Private Eye*), is the extraordinary St Vincent Street Church by Alexander "Greek" Thomson, where American Express, the main sponsor, presented a cheque for $50,000 last week.

In the south of Italy the fund is focusing attention on a series of 160 rock-hewn churches in Puglia, many of which still feature Byzantine wall paintings. From the 1st century AD comes a subterranean basilica in Rome containing possibly the finest stuccos surviving from antiquity; they are being shaken from the walls by vibrations from trains overhead.

In Bolivia, funds are sought for a 16th-century church at Callapa, one of dozens of adobe churches facing extinction. More ancient still are 45 pre-Columbian funerary towers recently discovered in western Bolivia, which have survived centuries of sand erosion, freezing winters and aggressive nesting birds only to be despoiled by passers-by using a new road.

In St Petersburg the Alexander Palace, where the Tsar and his family spent their last years, opened its doors on August 11, thanks partly to the fund. In Beijing the 15th-century Jufu Hall, one of the few survivors of the Cultural Revolution, is in danger of losing its superb roof, lacquered with golden dragons.

Fourteenth-century Namseling is one of only six surviving Tibetan manor houses, a ruinous seven-storey house standing alone in the landscape and now being stabilised. In Mexico, local people are battling to rescue the Italianate Carolina Hacienda, the 1896 home of General Lewis Terrazas, the country's richest landowner before the revolution.

The list includes vernacular architecture in Trondheim in Norway and Tbilisi in Georgia, and the ornate wooden courtyard houses of Ahmedabad in India. And there are such diverse items as the Arch of Trajan, standing in an unlikely setting of cranes, piles of coal and railway lines in the dockyard at Ancona in Italy: the 16th-century Sufi shrines and mausoleums at Uch in Pakistan, some half-collapsed yet poignantly retaining their superb glazed tiles; and the Cliff Palace in Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado.

Argentina's answer to Dartmoor, the Ushuaia prison in barren Tierra del Fuego, is now on its way to becoming a visitor attraction. Belgium offers an extraordinary colony estate at Wortel, built in 1822 to provide destitute families with a small house, a plot of land, two cows, a sheep, tools and clothing. Alas, it failed — though it served as an enforced shelter for the homeless until Belgium's harsh laws on vagrancy were repealed.

Unesco, which promulgates the official World Heritage list, intended to draw up its own list of heritage in danger. So far, however, only 12 nominations have been made, though some of these, such as Dubrovnik and the underground saltmines in Poland, have been successfully tackled. "Here come the beautiful people," Unesco officials are wont to say as the glamorous delegates of the World Monuments Fund descend upon them. But the beautiful people have started something.

The site both organisations need to tackle together is the Royal Palaces at Benin, where the bronzes came from. Between 1645 and 1906, 12 African kings built palaces embellished with murals and sculpture. The best are in danger of imminent collapse.

● *Further information from the World Monuments Fund (949, Park Avenue, New York), or on http://www.worldmonuments.org*

BBC PROMS

Lower the curtain and raise the roof

PERIOD performance has long been a feature of the Proms, but traditionalists will be glad to hear that it has not yet reached the Last Night. The final concert of the 103rd season opened in the Albert Hall on Saturday with a rendering of Handel's *Zadok the Priest* of which Sir Henry Wood would have been proud. Banks of BBC Symphony Orchestra strings plodded through the introductory arpeggios, rising to a Wagnerian climax and the acclamatory shout of massed singers (the BBC Singers and Symphony Chorus in good voice).

Genuine Wagner was soon to be heard in the shape of the Prelude and Liebestod from *Tristan und Isolde*. Andrew Davis shaped the Prelude lovingly and Anne Evans delivered an intimate Liebestod. Hers is not the ringing, heroic voice traditionally associated with Wagnerian heroines, but one capable of infinite subtlety.

There was little such subtlety in organist Wayne Marshall's swift dispatching of Messiaen's *Transports de Joie* from *L'Ascension*. Marshall's technique is so prodigious that he can rattle off such a fearsome toccata as though it were a five-finger exercise. But the virtuosity should be incidental to the piece and the breathless, detached style failed to suggest grandeur or religious ecstasy.

The Messiaen followed without a break from Judith Weir's Sanctus from the *Requiem of Reconciliation* — a movement from the multi-composer commemorative work assembled in Stuttgart in 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Pamela Priestley-Smith and Lynette Alcantara distinguished themselves in the solo soprano and mezzo roles.

Wayne Marshall returned after the interval, to the piano this time, for Gershwin's *Variations on I Got Rhythm*. Here his exuberant virtuosity was put to good use and his extrovert performance was received with much enthusiasm. But then — with the exception of Britten's Irish Reel and Weber's *Leise, leise from Der Freischütz* — this was the beginning of the slippery slope to the embarrassing infantilism that marks the latter stages of the Last Night. An unscheduled extra appearance by Evans, with a Valkyrie's headdress and spear, afforded a round of "Hojotohos" and then we were into the patriotic perennials, punctuated by the hooters and whistles banned under a sterner regime.

BARRY MILLINGTON

In memoriam

THE themes of this year's Proms have, in their latter days, been played out with many a sad variation. When Sir Colin Davis raised his baton at the start of the Requiem of all Requiems, the penultimate improvisation was in place, for the late Sir Georg Solti was to have conducted this Verdi performance and dedicated it to the memory of Diana, Princess of Wales.

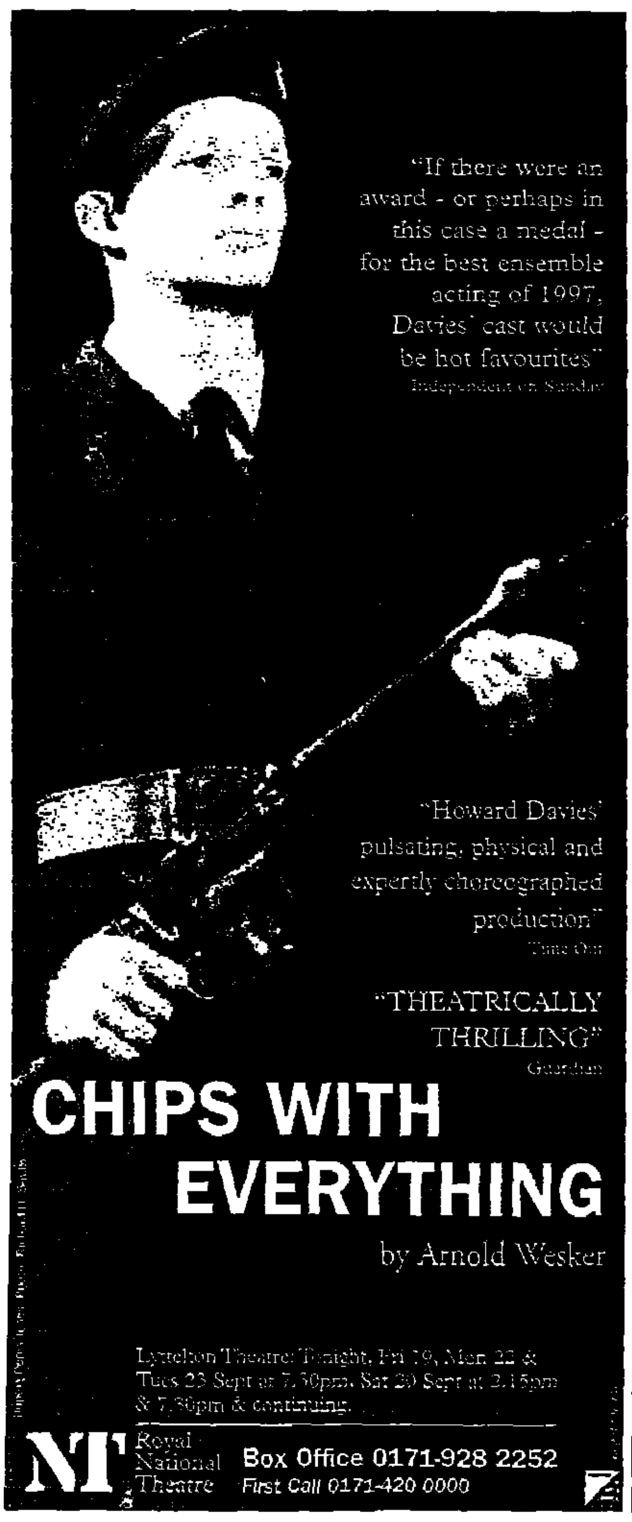
The double memorial, far from sounding hastily prepared, had all the dignity and breadth of vision that one would expect from the London Symphony Orchestra with Sir Colin at the helm. The breathing of the work was slower, deeper, perhaps, than we might have heard from Sir Georg; but the dance of voices in the *Sanctus* rang with just the quality of exuberance which characterised the Solti of recent years. And not for one moment was the raw suffering and terror uniquely expressed in this Requiem compromised.

There is light and there is sweetness in the work — and we heard them as Michèle Crider's soprano ascended with the solo violin to archangelic realms, and as Olga Borodina's mezzo-soprano turned sound into light itself in the *Lux aeternam*. But this Requiem ends with a still urgent plea of "Libera me!", and it was a huge presence of awe which resonated at the heart of this Albert Hall performance.

The London Symphony Chorus and London Voices hung on every consonant to mute and sustain the barely pitched opening. It was Borodina, above all, with her chillingly dark chest voice and intense control of tone and half-tone, who focused the unique character of this performance.

The night before, Mahler's Fifth Symphony had begun with a funeral march and ended with transformation both musical and metaphysical, in an incandescent performance of penetrating clarity of vision given by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and Sir Simon Rattle. In possibly the single greatest evening of music-making in a memorable season, this performance was matched by another of rare and extraordinary accomplishment: Maxim Vengerov's Shostakovich Violin Concerto No 1, in which every movement of the human body seemed indivisible from the sinew, nerves and innermost heartbeat of the music itself.

HILARY FINCH



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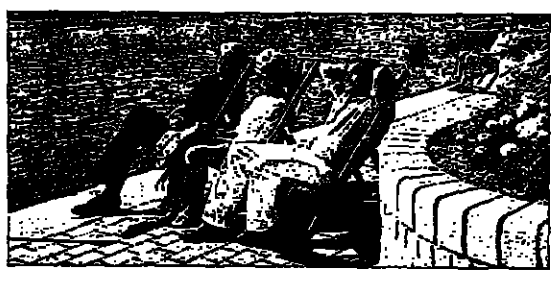

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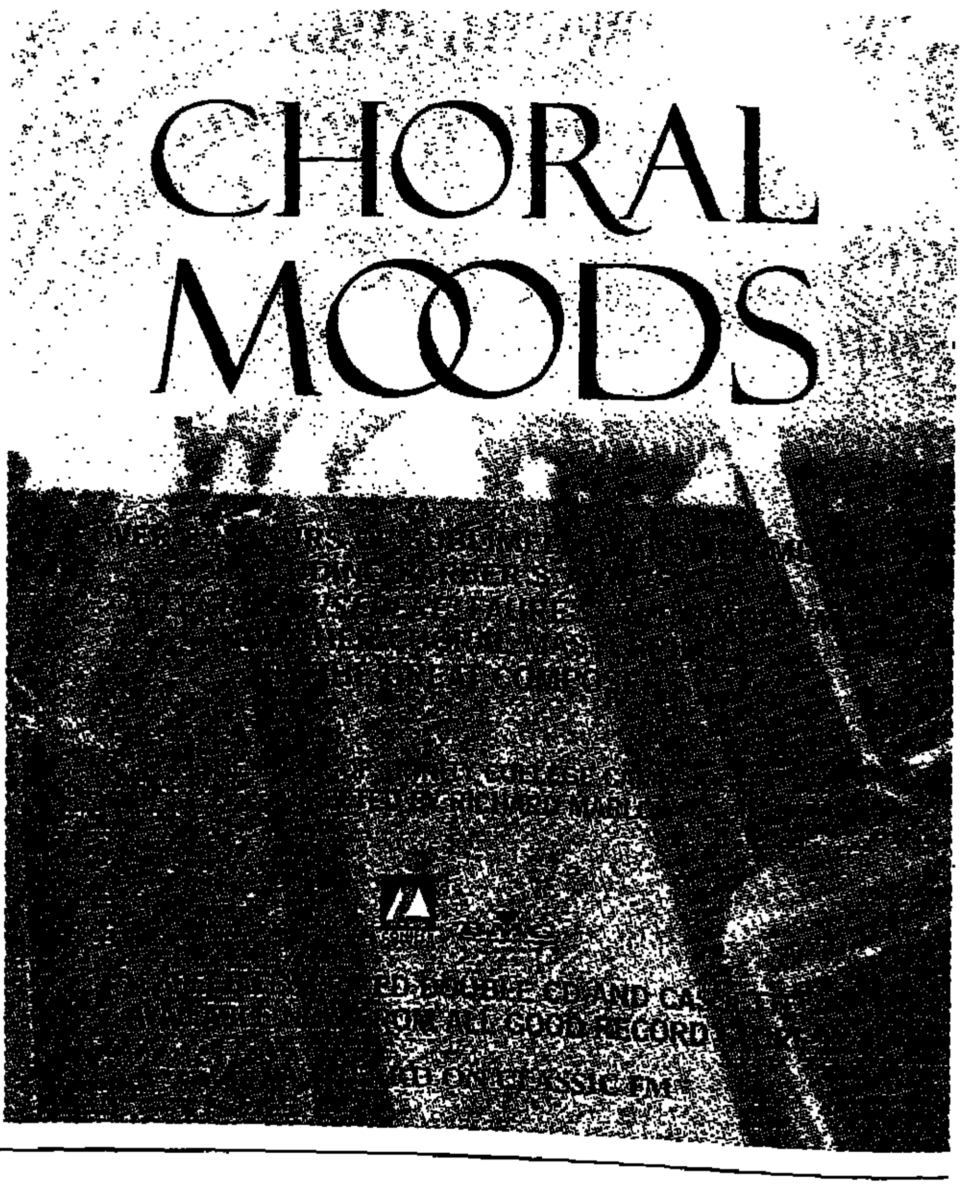

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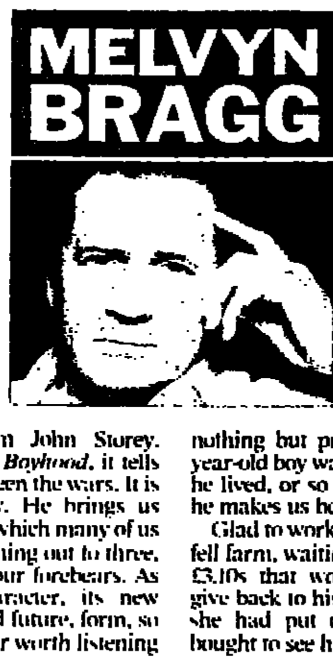

A passion for autobiography is sweeping the country. I am not writing of the new modish confessional offerings, but of those who, in the last decades of their time, determine to set down their lives to tell new generations what life in this country was like in a recent past now as remote as the court of Queen Bess.

In local history societies, in local newspapers and on local radio, the sounds are heard of those whose late health and leisure have given them the time, and whose dramatic experience has given them the impetus to tell it as it was. Oral history grows immeasurably by the year. The Oral History Society of the University of Essex and the National Sound Archives in London have pioneered what is now a vast vault of captured lives.

Perhaps this impulse comes from an awareness of the awesome change in life in this century. Even in my own lifetime, the transformation of our society has been astonishing and even disturbing. How much more so for those born 20 or 30 years earlier than me?

My connection with the National Sound Archives and the University of Essex came about through Dr Paul Thompson, who took an interest in a book I wrote called *Speak for England*. This consisted of about 70 interviews with people in my home town of Wigton in Cumbria, arranged in such a way that the history of this century between 1900 and 1970 was told through the voices and experience of that majority of British people so often inaccurately described as "ordinary people". The intention was to provide a series of personal narratives of war and peace and striving to be set alongside the upper-caste history much more monopolising then: the book was published in the mid-1970s.

It came out at a time when there was a big lift-off in the field of oral history, with Thompson and the University of Essex very much to the fore. It has grown beyond prediction over the past 25 years. There is clearly a need among those who want to write it and speak it to get their stories down, and an appetite to have them collected. Perhaps in one way this is a strong plea from the past to hold to the good things that were once embedded in what was, undoubtedly, for many, a very harsh life indeed. Or perhaps it is to show the virtues which can come from a harsh life.

One such living archive arrived on my desk a couple of months ago from John Storey. Called *Cumbrian Boyhood*, it tells of the period between the wars. It is a foreign country. He brings us news from a past which many of us can touch by reaching out to three, two, even one of our forebears. As our national character, its new contours, style and future, form, so is it more than ever worth listening to times past. Not for the nostalgia, but to appreciate that these could be seen as the building blocks of the future.

Storey's young life was one which would now be described in terms of terrible hardship But it was endured by him and even relished. Now it would provoke nothing but protest. Then the 14-year-old boy was glad to live the life he lived, or so he remembers, and he makes us believe him.

Glad to work for six months on a fell farm, waiting for the payday of £3.10s that would enable him to give back to his mother the money she had put out for the clothes bought to see him into that first job as a hired lad. Glad to work all daylight hours and many dark mornings sawing wood, milking by hand, lambing from a herd of 1,400 Herdwick and Swaledale ewes. Glad, I think, because he was tested, and he relished the test and he came through it.

Most days began at 5am and, at lambing time, out in all weathers on the fells, with the normal work to be done alongside. In that first year "the wind and rain were really bad and, of course, in those days there were no wellington boots or waterproof clothing". One of his very first jobs was to carry two newborn lambs over two miles of high fell land in driving rain to the safety of the kitchen hearth. "I was so tired that I thought my arms were going to drop off," he says. "But I daren't stop in case the lambs died." The lambs delivered, he was back into action as all the dogs had fallen ill, "so I had to be the dog . . ."

But the work is salted with pleasures: the good and plentiful food provided by the fair employer. Pushing aside the furniture in the kitchen and having a dance on the sandstone flags to the music of a mouth organ. Having a "crack" with an elderly invalid who also lived in the farmhouse and was "obviously well-educated and very interesting". Is there any way that this world can connect with that of 14-year-olds today?

There is the acceptance, too, of what would now be hidden or deplored. The boy was asked to skin a dead dog to make a rug. There is a description of the castrating of the tup lambs. "We made a coal fire in the sheep pens, put in the castrating irons and got the clamps and green salve ready. When the irons were hot enough, I caught a lamb, sat on a stool near the fire, wrapped its front legs around its back ones and held it there . . ." It is worthy of mention, writes Storey, "if only for the cruelty of it".

What he has written is not only worthy of mention but worthy of record. Whatever else we might take into the new millennium I am grateful we will also take lives such as that led by John Storey.

Saying it all with a song

POP: David Sinclair sees Oasis launch their British tour at the Westpoint Arena in Exeter

GUY NEWMAN APEX

Man of the moment: Oasis frontman Liam Gallagher singing to the Exeter crowd

Oasis are a phenomenon, of that there can be no doubt. One million copies of their third album, *Be Here Now*, crossed the counters of British record shops in just 19 days, and such was the demand for tickets that their entire British tour was virtually sold out in one day. But even their most ardent supporters would have to admit that on stage they are not the most demonstrative of acts. It is almost as if their brand of surly Mancunian machismo forbids any physical display of emotion, resulting in a performing style notable primarily for its extreme laziness.

Still there were encouraging signs on the opening night of their tour at the 8,000-capacity Westpoint Arena in Exeter that Oasis have at last begun to think about their visual presentation. They emerged, after some preamble, from a giant telephone box and got down to work with a brisk version of *Be Here Now*.

Alan White's drumkit was perched on the bonnet of a mocked-up white Rolls-Royce, while suspended above the stage was a clock with Roman numerals, its hands speeding backwards. Later on, when a ghostly moon lit up during *Magic Pie* and a spinning globe appeared for *All Around The World* amid a panoply of multicoloured lights and even a hint of dry ice, there was more than a passing resemblance to the grand symbolism of a Pink Floyd show.

The crowd responded ecstatically as the band hit an early peak with *Supersonic*, *Some Might Say* and *Roll With It*, but singer Liam Gallagher standing with his hands behind his back and wearing a heavy cagoule jacket throughout, continued to look for all the world like a man waiting for a bus. To either side of him Noel Gallagher, Paul "Bonehead" Arthurs and Paul "Guigsy" McGuigan kept their eyes glued to their fretboards and their feet rooted to the spot.

But it is a mark of all great groups that they approach their various tasks on their own terms. And even when Oasis do nothing they are more watchable than any number of conventionally energetic performers. Part of this is down to the distinctive singing style and raw charisma of Liam Gallagher, but mostly it is due to the effortlessly winning effect of Noel Gallagher's songs.

From the terrace anthem of *D'You Know What I Mean?* to the contemplative emotions of *Wonderwall* and a simply gorgeous *Live Forever* — dedicated by Liam to Diana, Princess of Wales — they stirred feelings of warmth, excitement and above all solidarity with their mass audience which very few acts are able to do on this grand scale.

With the stage all lit up they embarked on an epic version of *Champagne Supernova* complete with full guitar freak-out at the end, and although the excitement was then allowed to dissipate, an encore of *Acquiesce* brought the event to a thunderous climax. It was hardly a great show in the conventional sense but as the title of their album suggests, Oasis are absolutely of the moment. And with songs like these to take the strain, they will doubtless be able to thrill audiences without exerting themselves unduly for years to come.

Royal standard in a new home

OPERA

Giulio Cesare

Barbican

There was a curious and rather depressing sense of mismatch in the Royal Opera's debut at the Barbican: on the one hand much song and dance about the theatre's £1.9 million refurbishment into a "uniquely flexible venue for opera and dance", and on the other a production of Handel's opera that seemed poverty-stricken both literally and stylistically. It would not have washed at Covent Garden, and vividly illustrated the current lunacy of there being plenty of money available for glamorous new theatres but none for the shows that go into them.

At first one felt some sympathy for a production team mounting a work that demands at least an impression of spectacle on an exiguous budget, but that sympathy started to fade as an air of smart facetiousness came to dominate Lindsay Posner's direction, and faded to nothing when an array of unnecessary and expensive props was wheeled on for the last scene: might not that money have been better spent on some more wigs and costumes, and indeed on more than the eight male and female extras who had to double as Muses and Roman soldiers with varying degrees of embarrassment?

Joanna Parker's set was a bare stage and a variable CinemaScope backcloth lit in garish colours by Jean Kalman, and that's about it. It was not the arch humour of Posner's direction that irritated so much as his and Parker's failure to come up with a coherent visual and dramatic language via which to present an 18th-century opera to a 20th-century audience. The gags and the outbreaks of soap-opera naturalism simply didn't add up, and the aura of the village hall hovered uncomfortably overhead.

Thank heavens there were some experienced singers to salvage something from the wreckage, and in Ivor Bolton a conductor who knows the secret of pacing these long pieces. He used a commendably full text and devised some spectacular vocal embellishments. The ROH Orchestra was persuaded to sound as Baroque as necessary: lively, light-fingered, rhythmically buoyant.

Ann Murray, on noticeably happier form than when she sang Caesar in Munich in the summer, made her last-act *scena* one of the high points of the evening. Her little upward scale in the cadenza told you in two seconds more about 18th-century style in general and why Handel wrote for the theatre in particular than many a learned treatise. The other high point was David Daniels's singing of Sesto's *Cara speme*: as always, it is not just the beauty of his quasi-soprano tone that impresses, but his hyper-expressive musical insights as well.

Amanda Roocroft was in creamy vocal form as Cleopatra: more consonants and a wider range of vowel sounds could lead to her communicating more about the role, and she was not helped by having to do battle with a shocking-pink trouser-suit, quite one of nastiest costumes seen on the lyric stage. Brian Asawa was similarly hampered by being made to play Ptolemy as a petulant pansy, but sang beautifully. Catherine Wyn-Rogers (the sumptuous-toned Cornelia), and Gerald Finley (a fine Achilla, rewarded with an extra aria) preserved their dignity amid the camp goings-on.

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Avant-garde kicks itself out of view

Rachel Campbell-Johnston on the ageing of British art's young rebels

Sensible shoes. That's what you need to keep pace with the contemporary art scene. Show spaces are like those ephemeral ecosystems that drift in the oceans. They spring up secretly, thrive briefly, and die as suddenly as they began. Scattered all over the metropolis, they flourish in the interstices of urban life: in untenanted shops, abandoned warehouses, unlet offices and empty archways. The art aficionado will needs an A-Z and a determined stride to find them.

But be persistent — enter those alleyways, climb that fire escape, follow those footprints in the corridor dust — and, eventually you will arrive at the avant-garde. What is it like? Well, rather like the family lunatic brought down from the attic — ranting, unpredictable and a bit threatening. And the art is usually well guarded by its progenitors — Britain's newest breed of young contemporaries. They are easily recognised by their sensible shoes: sturdy boots, with lots of lacing. They come in useful when kicking down establishment doors.

There is something exciting about this off-centre art scene. There is a mood of silent armies gathering somewhere out of sight — as the Fauvists once gathered in Paris, or the Blaue Reiter movement in Munich. "These things are done in gangs," wrote Walter Sickert, of how a group of artists develop a new style. And it was, indeed, in gangs that Britain's best-known contemporary artists have done it. They have mustered like unruly schoolchildren out of hours flicking V signs at passers-by.

> The show will probably be their last chance to make a sensation

If the main object of any new art movement is to unsettle, then the most celebrated new grouping of British artists has succeeded. Ever since the young Goldsmiths' student Damien Hirst gathered his mates together ten years ago to stage *Freeze*, a show held in a vacated Port of London Authority building in SE16, they have been ruffling feathers. Their work was radical and disturbing, brazen, cheeky, ironic, rude, and above all curiously memorable.

Council estate culture battered at the door of embarrassed Middle England. And the artists were there like job-creation salesmen, with in-your-face credentials and wares — futility, violence, waste, cruelty, vice, death — on show. If older generations were armoured against such youthful rawness, younger people found that they raked exposed nerves.

They discovered a fierce futility in such works as Hirst's *A Thousand Years* in which maggots hatch and feed on a rotting cow's head, metamorphosing eventually into flies that crawl forlornly against the glass before their brutal death by insect-o-cutor.

If there is something manipulative and prurient, there is also something vulnerable and poignant about pieces such as Gillian Wearing's *Signs that say what you want them to say and not signs that say what someone else wants you to say*. Ordinary people hold up their own handwritten messages — evocative and touching — on scraps of paper. And even if such pieces might appear glib, at least they stir up good old-fashioned debate about "truth" in photography and photography in the arena of art.

The work of these artists played with that most intractable of questions: what counts as art? And if at times their work may have seemed shocking, this served only to highlight the innate conservatism of the art world.

The more conventional critics frothed and loathed, then slowly began to change their opinions — led by the convictions of the few. Gradually, the new young artists found themselves showing in ever more mainstream places. They turned up at the Hayward, the Serpentine, the Venice Biennale. Gary Hume, Mark Wallinger and Rachel Whiteread were nominated — indeed the last won — the Turner Prize. And usually the publicity frenzy flew apace. Many of the artists began to believe their own hype. Like overexcited teenagers in search of attention, some started to shout louder. They became ever more brash and brazen, revelling in gruesomeness and gore, sacrificing integrity for commercial sensation. But shock in itself makes a weak tool. Its effects wore off all too soon. Is it not hard to remember, for instance, why Manet's *Olympia* or his *Déjeuner sur L'herbe*, should ever have been considered such a disgraceful affront?

If the young Brit artists had made their reputations challenging establishment views, they increasingly found themselves with nothing to smash against. They had themselves become the Establishment: institutionalised by the Tate, promoted overseas by the British Council, their reputations endorsed by the Arts Council.

The Royal Academy represents the last bastion of artistic conservativism. Its august Georgian halls are probably the last space in which an exhibition of the work of this younger generation of artists still has the capacity to provoke a stir.

Maybe with an exhibitions secretary as sympathetic to their cause as Norman Rosenthal, their gaining entry to the sanctum has been a little too like kicking at an open door. Several academicians have risen gratifyingly (to a publicity-hungry artist, at least) to the bait, with angry foaming and loud resignations.

Such squabbling is certain to shift tickets. But the showing of Saatchi's collection at the RA this week will probably be the last chance for at least one grouping of artists to make their eponymous sensation.

The artists have been shot in the sensible shoe. Art aficionados must do up their laces and ready themselves for another long trek if they want to seek the avant-garde.

Devolution and the European movement may be leading to the destruction of England as a nation

Revenge of the Celtic fringe

William Rees-Mogg

The Scottish mood was unmistakable, even before the general election. The Scottish people were going to vote for a Scottish parliament, both in the election itself and in the referendum which would follow. The mood of Wales is less certain. The Cynullaid is a half-baked assembly, without the powers of the Scottish parliament. My own rather distant Welsh blood feels insulted at the idea that the Welsh are less of a nation than the Scots. I would vote "yes" if I lived in Wales, in the hope that something better would be created out of this feeble Cynullaid: it seems probable, though not certain, that the momentum from Scotland, together with Welsh patriotism, will between them carry the day. Nationhood is a reality, in Scotland, in Wales and, of course, in England.

It is now English nationhood which is under threat. The present set of constitutional proposals all tend towards diminishing England's independence. The Scottish parliament will have wide domestic powers, but Scottish Members of the Westminster Parliament will still decide these matters for England, although even they will have no right to vote on Scottish affairs. At the same time, the issue of Britain joining a single currency is again to be debated, with its consequent loss of national control over its exchange and interest rate policy. It now seems highly probable that the single European currency will start in 1999; British membership will be proposed either in this Parliament, subject to a referendum, or at the next general election. In Whitehall there is a feeling of momentum towards Britain joining, which almost certainly reflects the underlying attitudes of the Government.

Constitutional change could wholly replace the structure of the United Kingdom as it still existed only six months ago. There will now be a Scottish parliament, elected by a largely proportional system; there may be a Welsh assembly similarly elected. There may be a referendum or a general election on a proposal for Britain to join the single currency; there may be a referendum or a general election decision that the Westminster Parliament should be selected on a proportional system. On both issues the Labour and Liberal parties would be in agreement and the Conservatives would be opposed.

If these are the two major issues of the next election, which will probably come in 2001, there would presumably be an electoral pact between the Liberal and Labour parties. If a Lab-Lib combination were successful in that election, the following election, in 2005 or 2006, would be fought on some variant of the present German electoral system, such as has already been promised for Scotland. At the same time, Britain would have taken the almost irreversible decision to join the single currency; we might actually join in the early years of the next Parliament. At the same time there may be a campaign to create, without much public demand, separate English regions, with regional assemblies on the Welsh model, or possibly even with regional parliaments on the Scottish model. This would create English equivalents of the German *Länder*; whereas the German *Länder* grew out of the old independent princedoms of Germany, the new English regions would be entirely artificial, with no historic point of reference later than the Anglo-Saxons. England would be divided as a nation by the same constitutional process that would have strengthened the nationhood of Wales and Scotland. The UK would then become a part of the European superstate that may emerge in the early decades of the next century. The Lab-Lib coalition could be expected to win elections until the electorate became bored with it; it would have a strong bias in favour of European integration.

This would indeed be the revenge of the Celtic fringe. Scottish nationhood would be strengthened — something most English people accept. Welsh nationhood would be confirmed — which the English are equally prepared to welcome. The English nation would be divided into petty regions, so that English nationhood would be gutted. At the same time, all these nations would become part of a single European state, with a single currency, with harmonisation of taxes at a high level, eventually with its own defence and foreign policy. To top all this, the electoral system would be changed so that the Conservatives could not get back into power at Westminster until they could win more than 50 per cent of the vote, against allcomers. By the time they did that it would be far too late to reverse the great project, which is no less than the destruction of England as a nation.

In England, some people see this prospect quite clearly, and welcome it. They believe that the creation of a single European state is historically inevitable, that Britain will be better off inside it than outside, that Europe will become an economic superpower, and that as a single state it will be free from the threat of European wars. It is hard to justify their optimism.

The development of the European Union since the Second World War has not been democratic, but bureaucratic. All bureaucracies have built-in obsolescence: they lose touch with their people and strangle themselves in their own regulations. Europe has lost competitiveness relative to Asia and already has very high unemployment. The whole tendency of late 20th-century politics has been for empires to break up; this is a project for creating a new Holy Roman Empire. Modern electronic communications are global rather than regional, and undermine the taxing power of all states, large or small. Europe has a high-tax culture. The single currency does not provide any adjustment mechanism for differential economic shocks in an area of many languages and low mobility of labour. The internal contradictions of the proposed super-Europe seem as great as those of the United States before Civil War.

Perhaps, as the Scottish think, the English have been too much the top dogs in the UK. I am myself of half-Irish descent, and Ireland was the worst treated of the smaller nations under English rule. But it would be wrong for the Government to forget that England is a nation too; indeed we are a nation with an older and stronger tradition of democracy than any other on earth. This very Scottish Cabinet would be ill-advised to humiliate England.

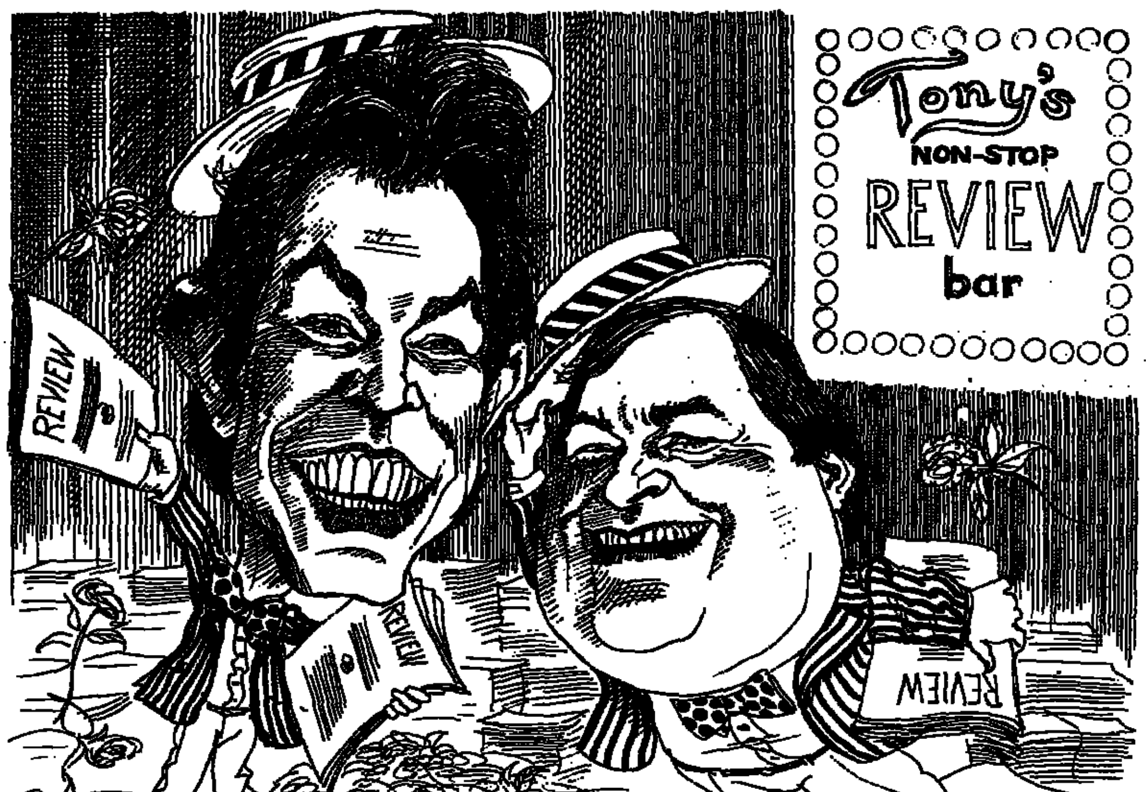
The English are in a mood for accepting change; the scale of the Labour victory on May 1 shows that; so in a different way does the great emotional response to the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. But the English will not welcome losing their national identity, and will not accept losing their democracy. Already the major part of new laws affecting Britain is Brussels law, not made by elected representatives but by nominated commissioners and their civil servants. If we join the single currency, tax harmonisation will follow and the ultimate democratic principle, "no taxation without representation", will be at stake.

Scotland is now the historic example for England. In 1707 the Scottish Parliament merged itself into the United Kingdom Parliament, and the Scottish people have spent nearly 300 years trying to get back some of their powers. The English stand relative to Europe where the Scots stood relative to England in 1707: we are being asked to sacrifice our independence, for the economic benefits of joining a larger power. We do not want to spend the next 300 years trying to get it back.

Time to start the real show

When will the Government get down to specific business, asks **Peter Riddell**

RIDDELL ON MONDAY



Tony Blair has a problem. His political position will never be stronger. Labour is impregnable in the Commons and the Tories have yet to find a clear voice, or an audience. Mr Blair's personal ratings remain in the stratosphere and his authority as a national leader has been reinforced by his handling of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. But how should he exploit this opportunity? Mr Blair is by instinct an activist, a user rather than a hoarder of political capital.

After the vacuous generalisations of the past fortnight, it is time to blow away the froth. So much nonsense has been written about the creation of a new Britain that I have longed for a George Orwell to prick the plethora of pretensions. Something remarkable did happen, as anyone going to the royal palaces saw. But the main implications are for the monarchy, rather than for party politics. The public is more level-headed than many pundits about separating the tragic death of a celebrity from the fate of the nation, and their own lives.

I am sceptical of talk of a dramatic new mood, although it may boost the Prime Minister's standing. Mr Blair has made much in the past week of a desire for modernisation as a connecting theme of the Government's programme, but it is hard to know what this means in practice. Mr Blair's comment in his TUC speech, "modernity is our spirit as it is the spirit of an age, the desire to build a new Britain free from the old prejudices", sounds rather like Harold Wilson *circa* 1963-64.

In that modernisation is more than just a catchy slogan, it reflects less the soul-searching of the past fortnight than the desire for a fresh start that led to the Tory rout on May 1, and was also reflected in the Scottish devolution vote. But this has mainly been a time-for-a-change mood. It does not yet amount to an ideological shift as significant as in the 1980s. Admittedly, the Blair landslide, the humbling of Jacques Chirac, the disarray of the Republicans in America and the fissures in the Kohl coalition prompted *The Weekly Standard*, that liveliest of American political weeklies, to produce a special issue on the theme "is there a worldwide conservative crack-up?"

The main reason that right-wing parties have been doing badly is internal divisions and loss of direction produced by longevity in office. There is less evidence of ideological rejection, as opposed to exhaustion. Most successful Centre-Left leaders — Blair, Bill Clinton and Romano Prodi — have accepted the policy shifts of the 1980s in their repositioning to the centre and reinvention of themselves as "new".

But the ideological ground has shifted. As Irwin Stelzer argued in *The Weekly Standard* symposium, the conservative victories of the 1980s contained the seeds of subsequent defeats. More competitive and less regulated markets increased the personal risks and insecurities with which voters must live. The Right's political difficulties prevented it from developing a coherent and credible answer. This created the opening for the reformed parties of the centre-left to say they would run a market economy in a more caring and socially cohesive style, the elusive third way between Thatcherism (or its caricature) and old-style collectivism.

The Centre-Left came to power promising a new beginning, but with cautious, and often evasive, pledges and much reassurance about its financial responsibility. That is Mr Blair's dilemma now. He may have a vague mandate for modernisation, but he is constrained by commitments not to increase overall spending and income tax. Well before the death of the Princess, Mr Blair and John Prescott realised that a new phase would start this autumn after the post-election euphoria of the summer. The multitude of policy reviews will have to report. Decisions will soon have to be taken, by ministers who have never faced the hard choices of office.

The Government has to risk unpopularity, not least with its own supporters. This will be seen over its intention to hold down public sector pay bills for teachers and nurses. Moreover, Labour has had no serious policy for the health service. Promising to end the internal market is meaningless on its own. A formal system of rationing is unacceptable; so more money will have to be raised from charges, a special earmarked health tax (favoured by some) or by encouraging private insurance. The Government will this autumn also have to decide how far to accept Frank Field's ideas for reviving a genuinely contributory social security system. Similarly, the only solution for the chronic problems of London Underground is to attract private capital in ways that amount to privatisation by another name.

Mr Blair's personal authority will also be tested over Northern Ireland, Bosnia (especially if Congress forces President Clinton to withdraw American troops next year) and Europe. This weekend's meeting of European finance ministers has shown that a single currency will go ahead on plan in 1999, so Mr Blair will have to declare his hand before long. Britain is still unlikely to enter in the first wave but Mr Blair will want to show that he does not intend to use the British presidency in the first half of next year to be obstructive and delay monetary union. Moving to a more positive stand will require political skill with his Cabinet and party.

So the Government is at a critical stage in moving from general rhetoric to specific policies. Mr Blair has left ministers in no doubt of how focused he is on the next election and beyond. But the other side is apprehension, about how his standing will be affected by the inevitable setbacks of any premiership.

Will there be a sudden media swing against him if the party leadership suffers defeats from bruised, resentful union leaders at the Labour conference in two weeks? But, for the moment, Mr Blair has the chance to reshape the political landscape. He should be bold. The opportunity will not last for long.

THE TIMES DIARY

Who dares?

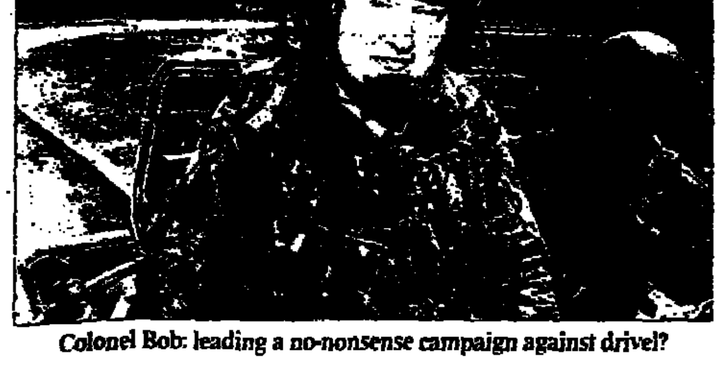
THE SAS, worried that recent controversies have dented its swashbuckling image, has hired a public relations supremo. Its choice? Colonel Bob Stewart, whose heroics leading British forces in Bosnia were, undermined by his hardy personal campaigns, prompting the cheaper prints to dub him "Bonking Bob".

Since resigning from the Army after marrying a Swiss-born Red Cross nurse 16 years his junior, for whom he left his wife of 20 years, he has kept a low profile, although during the general election he popped up in Tatton to help to run Martin Bell's anti-sleaze campaign.

Recent "shoot and tell" revelations of life — and death — inside the SAS regiment have demoralised top brass at Hereford. *Bravo Two Zero*, Andy McNab's account of leading a disastrous patrol behind Iraqi lines in the Gulf War, sold more than a million copies, earned him £5 million and damaged the pledge of silence.

More than 40 books — some drivel — have followed, showing the fallible private sides of a formerly revered force. Many senior army figures blame the rash of revelations on Sir Peter de la Billiere, the British ground forces Gulf War commander, who rushed into print the bestselling *Storm Command*. He was later banned from all special forces bases.

Enter Colonel Bob. As commander of the Cheshires in Bosnia, he won a devoted fan club back home for his no-nonsense, all-British approach to local heavies, being often filmed telling them to "get out of the bloody way".



Colonel Bob: leading a no-nonsense campaign against drivel?

Editorial hitch

IT IS the taming of the beast for James Brown, the former editor of *Loaded*. The man who introduced us to the New Lad and took us to previously uncharted depths of vulgarity, is getting married. Staff at *GQ*, which he took over recently, are hoping that his wife-to-be will make an honest man of him.

Since joining *GQ*, Brown has made something of an impact. Staff there recall his first shattering editorial decision, namely to throw a bottle of wine through a closed window. Ever-wilting colleagues describe their editor's new regime as "like working with a teenager".

Brown and his fiancée, Kaz, will be doing the business this month. As for the pre-nuptial arrangements, one problem remains. Just where will Brown find a venue for his stag night? "As soon as hotels find out who he is," a baffled friend says, "a prior engagement suddenly seems to materialise."

● *Dull speeches frequently mark the UN's deliberations. But Mary Robinson, who stepped down last week as Ireland's President, won't be adding to the boredom factor in her new post as UN Commissioner for Human Rights. She revealed to me how, as President, she set up an early-warning system against boredom in her speeches by putting her husband's splutterings to a novel use. "He sits in the audience," she confided, "and if I'm going on a bit and people are getting restless, he gives a couple of sharp coughs. I get the message and stop talking."*

No sparkle

PITY the people of Papua New Guinea who were about to experience their first-ever fireworks display. Now the Government has cancelled the show after a failed military coup and fears that explosions of any sort will spark the whole thing off again.

A disappointed Nigel Claydon of Dynamic Fireworks, the British firm hired to stage the £3,000 display, explains: "We were about to send off the consignment of 300 large fireworks. The Government is still a little nervy and will not allow into the country anything it suspects contains material that could be used as weapons — unfortunately, this includes fireworks."

Howzat?

BAD NEWS for Labour. It was soundly thrashed by the Tories in a one-off cricket match at Aldermaston, Berkshire, yesterday. In the post-election revenge fixture, Labour was set for a fine innings, Tim Allan, the PM's press secretary, making an admirable 56.

But a collapse followed — and the side was all out for 124. Henry Billingham, former MP for Norfolk North West, opened for the Tories, but after a quick 34 runs retired, allowing his colleagues the chance for a swipe at their foes. Victory came rapidly, the Tories winning by six wickets. One player later observed: "There was not enough spin in Labour's delivery."

● *What's in a haircut? Keen observers of political style note that Ann Widdecombe has changed her look. While denouncing the Archbishop for his critique of monetarism, a blossoming Ms Widdecombe displayed a fetchingly swept-back hairstyle during a recent public appearance — this from the woman who answered impertinent questions about her "Doris Karloff" image by claiming she "didn't give a damn".*

Shopping Liszt

AFTER the sad loss of Hungarian-born conducter Sir Georg Solti, who died last weekend, comes news that his widow is to continue with her husband's fight, until the last, to save his *alma mater*, the Franz Liszt Academy in Budapest, threatened with imminent closure over lack of funding.

Lady Solti: fighting on

The academy was founded by Liszt in 1875, and included among its teaching staff the likes of Béla Bartók and Zoltán Kodály. Sir Georg's death looked likely to put an untimely end to efforts to save it from closure. Now it appears that the campaign will continue. Lady Solti says of the academy: "This is the fount of music education in the world. Such a fantastic institution should not be allowed to fail."

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PRINCESS AND POLITICS

The easy part is over for Blair

As the earthquake of Diana's death subsides, politicians are venturing out to view the changed political landscape. Have they been caught in the collateral damage; have the plates shifted in their direction? First out yesterday was the Conservative leader William Hague, who accused Labour of "shabby politics" and "bad government" in seeking to take credit for persuading the Palace to change the Princess's funeral arrangements.

It is easy to see why Mr Hague is annoyed. During a week in which political hostilities were suspended, Tony Blair won a significant boost from his position as Prime Minister. By christening Diana "the People's Princess", Mr Blair managed to ally her, not so subtly, with his party. By representing the public's views to the Palace, and then, when the backlash hit, defending the Royal Family against criticism, he rode the wave skilfully and earned plaudits in the process.

Mr Hague, by contrast, delivered a lame and somewhat soulless response to the news of the Princess's death, and his suggestion that Heathrow be renamed after her seemed out of tune with an age in which air travel is seen as mundane rather than thrilling. He must have been frustrated to be on the sidelines while Mr Blair scored goals.

But that is the nature of politics. Life is riskier in government than in opposition. Ministers are at the mercy of "events"; but if they handle them well, they cannot be blamed for turning the fallout to their advantage. The art of politics is to seize a moment. If the Government is then able to bask in the resulting glow, so be it. The Conservatives had 18 years in this position; now it is Labour's turn. But if the past fortnight has been a good one for Mr Blair, the coming months and years hold dangers as well as opportunities.

The continuing advantage for him of the changed public mood is that he may be able to press modernisation further and faster. If he can cast the Bank of England, the trade union movement or diehard "old" Labour activists as representatives of an outmoded Establishment, he should be able to mobilise public support for his attempts to take them on. He has already used the trick at the TUC conference; he will doubtless reach for it again at the Labour Party conference.

But Diana symbolised not just the forces of progress against conservatism; she also wanted to be queen of hearts. When the Government stands firm against higher pay for nurses, when waiting lists lengthen and patients lie on trolleys in corridors, will ministers be all the more fiercely castigated for callousness? Translating compassion into policy almost always brings demands for money.

There are dangers too for both party leaders in managing the future of the monarchy. The Prime Minister in particular will find that the demands on his time are immense and the path perilous. If he mirrors the public mood and presses for the Princess's kind of monarchy, he risks undermining the institution and inflaming republican forces on his own benches. If he forms an axis against the Queen with the modernisers around the Prince of Wales, he risks splitting the Royal Family. If he is identified with whatever modernisation the monarchy undergoes, he may be blamed by one side for letting it go too far and, by the other, for not going far enough.

Mr Hague, meanwhile, must be reluctant to follow the traditional Tory line that whatever the Queen has done is right. He knows that there is only a small and shrinking constituency for this view and that he risks being marginalised in this, as in so many other, areas. Yet his most fervent supporters would countenance no other stance.

For both men, moreover, this is a peculiarly personal matter. The monarchy is not a departmental issue; it has to be dealt with by party leaders. If it all goes wrong, no minister can be sacked, no department blamed. This may not yet be Mr Blair's Falklands War; it will still require immense reserves of tact, foresight and wisdom if he is to come out of it enhanced.

RIFLE AT THE DOOR

Republicans must prove that they belong in the talks

The most significant talks on Northern Ireland's future for 75 years start today. The Government which presides over them is led by a man avowedly determined to modernise, not unbundle, the United Kingdom. Yet, if Ulster's stability within the United Kingdom is the goal, then one would not wish to start from here. The road to the all-party talks has had too many twists and turns to make the Province's pro-Union majority anything other than queasy.

The presence of Sinn Fein at the table with the IRA armed and defiant at the door is a remarkable concession to republicanism. On their journey to Stormont militant republicans have had their concerns addressed while democratic Unionists have been coerced into compliance. The temptation for Unionists to abandon a process which has only added to their uncertainties is understandable. But it would be poor politics to walk away now.

The Ulster Unionist Council vote to leave a decision on participation in talks to David Trimble and his negotiating team only emphasises how delicately balanced the arguments are. A principled boycott of talks with terrorists might initially hearten the Unionist grass roots. Taking a stand on the high ground would allow the entire Unionist family to unite. Having sought to move from pariah to statesman without having gone through the stage of honest participation in democratic politics, Gerry Adams is desperate to deny a genuine democrat like Mr Trimble the chance to show statesmanship. Instead, he longs for the opportunity to paint the Unionist leader as the pariah.

It is through Mr Adams's lenses that the comments by a senior IRA figure in last week's *Republican News* should be viewed. Within days of Sinn Fein signing up to the Mitchell principles of non-violence, an unnamed member of the IRA Army Council declared it had "problems" with the principles. Sinn Fein and the IRA are a seamless robe. Whatever internal tactical debates the republican movement may have, its main propaganda sheet is no more likely to air dissent than was Brezhnev's *Pravda*. The interview was a calculated attempt to exploit legitimate Unionist cynicism about republican intentions and encourage those Unionists calling for a boycott. The threat of republican violence has already allowed Sinn Fein a disproportionate influence over Northern Ireland's future; it would be a sad irony if a murmur behind the balaclava now deprived Unionism of a voice at the talks table.

The next few weeks could provide Unionists with an opportunity to have Sinn Fein's commitment to peace tested. If Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness take refuge in equivocation and euphemism and Sinn Fein is incapable of accepting the principle of consent, then the question of whether Mr Trimble might talk to republicans face-to-face becomes academic. What would be the point of a dialogue with those deaf to democracy's verdict? What would be the point of talks at all, if one party will not accept the bedrock principle to which all others subscribe? The onus this week should not be on Unionists to justify their stance but on republicans to prove that they are worthy of a place in talks. Ministers must ensure that the cocked rifle at the door does not deter them from their duty to democracy.

SOME TALK OF ALEXANDER

Who is the greatest general of all?

George Washington was the most important and successful general ever to bestride a battlefield — more influential than Napoleon, Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan or Caesar. That, at least, is the verdict of Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Lanning, a decorated American military historian, who has just produced a list of the 100 greatest military leaders of all time. His ranking, based on carefully argued criteria but essentially his own reading of history and strategy, is as contentious as the causes that the great generals championed. It will produce a clash of wills as bloody, a contest as titanic and sorties as crucial by the camp followers of this or that general as any that won the day on blood-soaked ground.

Few will quarrel with the top five nominated by Colonel Lanning, though his argument that without Washington there would have been no United States seems less a fearless charge down the road of history than a deftly executed manoeuvre to ambush the American book market. But most of those who make the top 20 would be on any considered list. Charlemagne, Cortes, Attila the Hun, Peter the Great and even General Dwight Eisenhower were undoubtedly military leaders whose exploits redrew many a boundary on the map.

Fewer, perhaps, would agree that Gustavus Adolphus, the Swedish king during the Thirty Years War, deserves to come in sixth, or that Hernando Pizarro, the Spanish conqueror of the Incas, should enter the list immediately after him. And Hitler, at 14, is a bizarre inclusion: not only were his orders, including the determination to hang on in Stalingrad, among the most disastrous ever given to fighting men, but if the politicians of the Second World War such as Stalin and Churchill are excluded, Hitler deserves no special mention.

There are other oddities. Why should Marshal Zhukov, the victor of Stalingrad, come more than 50 places below Eisenhower and 26 below Alan Brooke? Why is Eugene of Savoy, an Austrian ally of Marlborough, rated above the Duke himself, or John Fuller, the British military analyst, above Vo Nguyen Giap, the most brilliant and more devastating Vietnamese strategist?

Colonel Lanning has commendably not restricted his judgment to European and American heroes (though there are a disproportionate number of the latter): he gives prominent place to Sun Tzu, Tamerlane, Suleiman I and Shaka, the 19th-century Zulu king. But do Castro and Kim Il Sung really rate as great military leaders? And though Richard the Lionheart looks impressive outside the Palace of Westminster, did he not spend more time messing about in the Levant than fighting serious battles? No matter: the debate has been stirred. Those who would champion a general must first know what he did: they can start with Colonel Lanning's brief but racy notes.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Unproven charges and trial by media

From Mr L. M. Oliver

Sir, Your News in Brief report ("Teacher's suicide", later editions, September 9) gave a summary of the inquest into the death of the Director of Music at St John's School which, clearly, could only convey part of the story.

This teacher had been charged with possessing indecent photographs of a child. A day or two later the main television news and many newspapers decided the story was of such national importance as to be the main headline. The following day he committed suicide.

While one cannot condone the possession of indecent photographs of children (particularly by a school teacher), it is a summary offence, punishable only by fine.

I suggest it was largely the manner in which the media handled the story that resulted in the teacher's death. One wonders if the coroner had his or her attention drawn to that aspect of the matter.

We are involved in a case where a man has recently been charged with assaulting a young girl between four and six years ago. He vehemently denies the allegations. His (and his family's) name and address have been published in the local press. This has resulted in paedophiliac material being put through their letterbox and damage to the property. Life has been made intolerable for the family.

Publicity following a conviction is one of the penalties for committing an offence, and so it should be. The traumatic consequences which so often follow media coverage of an unproven allegation ruin people's lives. The public may believe there is no smoke without fire. Is it right there should be such publicity before conviction?

Yours faithfully,
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September 11.

Siberian tiger's fate

From Mr Pavel Fomenko

Sir, The decision by the Russian Government to increase its financial commitment to protect the Siberian tiger, discussed in your leading article "Magnificent predators" (August 30), is welcomed by Western conservation organisations such as the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), which are already funding much of the anti-poaching effort. But the decision could be misleading.

Here in the Russian Far East this news is being treated with extreme caution. Vladimar Shetinin, head of Department Tiger (part of the region's ecological committee), who manages the anti-poaching brigades, is doubtful that this aid, whether from federal or regional sources, will be forthcoming.

If Russia is serious about saving its tigers why is it that for three years the authorities have denied the brigades use of a radio frequency so that they can use communication equipment donated by WWF and others? The brigades have also been denied the right to carry arms to defend themselves against poachers, who are armed and extremely well organised. This has placed the lives of Mr Shetinin's staff at risk on several occasions. Surely, if Russia has the political will, these requests should be granted.

There is very little chance of Russia paying for its Siberian tiger conservation programme. The money would have to come from the same federal fund that has for several months not paid doctors, teachers and scientists in the Russian Far East. As a result teachers are now on strike.

Yours etc,
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Godalming, Surrey.
September 12.

Animal welfare

From Mr Stuart Pattison

Sir, I agree with the entirely appropriate sceptical tone of Robin Young's article (Weekend, September 6) concerning the RSPCA's ludicrous call for a ban on beach donkey rides.

The millions of working donkeys throughout the semi-arid parts of the world are the only form of transport and haulage that poor farmers and others have. These people would be a great deal worse off without them. Donkeys are constitutionally quite able to stand much more heat and dust than anything to be found here.

The real cruelty to animals is not found on Blackpool beach, but in the battery cages and broiler houses and pig "sweat-boxes" that provide cheap animal protein for consumers. The RSPCA has, quite rightly, condemned them when necessary on animal welfare grounds but, in my view, appears to lack the courage of its convictions when taking on the intensive-food industry. Many RSPCA supporters, when they opt for the too-cheap pig and poultry products in the shops, are endorsing with their purses the very production systems they condemn.

Yours faithfully,
STUART PATTISON
(Farm animal welfare consultant),
Church Lane, Calstock, Cornwall.
September 8.

CND challenged over MI5 claims

From Dr Julian Lewis, MP for New Forest East (Conservative)

Sir, The Vice-President of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), Bruce Kent (letter, September 2), refers to "MI5-derived information . . . used for party political purposes" in 1983. The truth is quite different.

In April 1983 Defence Secretary Michael Heseltine and former minister Ray Whitney exposed the fact that most CND officers, executive council and elected national council members were also members of the Labour Party, the Communist Party, or other leftist groups. This disproved the claim that CND was politically non-partisan.

I supplied the Conservatives with most of the information used by them in 1983. As explained in a letter in your columns on March 6, 1985 — which was never subsequently challenged — I neither needed nor sought assistance from the security service and I published similarly accurate analyses of CND election results in the following years.

During the 1980s Mr Kent repeatedly acknowledged the decisive role of the Communist Party in keeping CND alive in the "lean years" of the 1970s.

When communism collapsed, it emerged that the British Communist Party had been kept alive during the 1970s by hundreds of thousands of pounds of secret KGB funds. Yet not even that revelation causes Bruce Kent to exercise a little humility.

Yours sincerely,
JULIAN LEWIS,
House of Commons.
September 2.

From Mr Simon Clayton

Sir, I am afraid I must question the logic of Professor Peter Harris's argument (letter, September 2).

Without public accountability it is assumed that MI5 and MI6 are worthwhile and successful; their failings are only exposed on the rare occasions an operative breaks cover and reveals them.

Sincerely,
SIMON CLAYTON,
16A St Peters Street, N1.
September 2.

Pollution warning

From Dr Elliot G. Finer,
Director General of the
Chemical Industries Association

Sir, Greenpeace (letter, September 10) suggests banning materials which people want but which some suspect may be harmful to health — just in case. In doing so Greenpeace ignores the way that knowledge evolves: scientists come up with bits of the jigsaw which can create a totally misleading picture if we do not wait for enough pieces to fall into place.

This lack of quick answers is frustrating for us all, including public policymakers who are pressured to act now and ask questions later. An example of the "precautionary principle" poorly applied was cited by Roger Bate, Director of the European Science and Environment Forum, in *The Wall Street Journal Europe*, (September 5):

> In the early 1990s the Peruvian authorities stopped chlorinating their water supplies because of environmentalists' claims that chlorine was carcinogenic. Cholera then flourished in the chlorine-free water, infecting a million people and killing 10,000.

The message is that we must all work hard to assemble enough of the jigsaw for the true picture to emerge. That is what the chemical industry is doing, worldwide, in collaboration with academics and governments on the serious issue of endocrine modulation.

If the research currently under way confirms that there is a problem, the industry is committed to act swiftly if the evidence points to synthetic chemicals.

Yours faithfully,
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Bubonic plague

From Professor D. M. Palliser

Sir, It is quite right for Ian Murray to alert us to the renewed danger of bubonic plague (report, September 5), but a pity that current medical research still has to co-exist with hoary myths about the past.

Plague in Britain did not fade because the Great Fire of London "destroyed the unhygienic conditions" in which it spread.

The fire devastated the City, where plague was becoming less virulent, but not the slummier outer suburbs, where mortality was much higher; and of course the fire could have had no effect on other towns still suffering in the 1660s.

No completely satisfactory solution has yet been offered, but any such explanation will have to account for the disappearance of plague from most of Europe, not just Britain, between the 1650s and the 1720s.

Yours faithfully,
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September 8.

Not for everyone

From Mrs Susan Gaisford

Sir, The Arts for Everyone scheme mentioned by Richard Morrison (September 5; see also letter, September 10), has proved an expensive disaster in my case.

Having been assured that my laboriously prepared submission on a ballet project, which involved hiring a theatre, was "one of the best applications received" I awaited the decision with reasonable hope. I rang the Arts Council several times after the deadline (end of June) to be told that it was unable to discuss an individual case. By now, my project had reached a critical phase, and I went ahead.

On July 23, I was advised that my application had failed: one of my referees had not supplied the necessary reference in time. The referee, from the Royal Academy of Dancing, assured me that he had supplied it well within the deadline and provided a copy, but the Arts Council refuses to reconsider the case.

Yours unhappily,
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2 Scothern Lane, Sudbrooke, Lincoln.
September 11.

The personal touch

From Mr T. Mannion

Sir, I read with alarm that Abbey National wants to encourage its Instant Plus account holders to use "hole-in-the-wall" machines or telephones to do their business rather than over-the-counter transactions (report, September 3), all in the name of greater use of technology and efficiency.

Efficiency for whom?

Fewer customers entering branches will lead to a reduction in staff and the very important personal touch will be lost. A smile, a nod, someone to share a moment of fun or pain. I can only transact with a hole-in-the-wall. I cannot tell a machine that I am happy or sad or have a problem, and expect a personal response.

In this age of greater technology, there is still a deep-rooted need for human contact. The need to be there and to do something, such as bringing flowers to London following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, is not only important but necessary.

The Princess had that human touch and identified with the people she met, shaking hands with an Aids victim or sitting a child on her knee.

The outpouring of grief indicates to me that people of this country need, and indeed crave, the personal touch; technology can never be a substitute for this.

Yours sincerely,
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Rainhill, Prescot, Merseyside.
September 3.

Stopped clocks

From Commander Owen Jenkins, RN (retd)

Sir, My experience of Cork railway station is similar to that of Mr Lowndes's grandad (letter, September 8).

Soon after the Second World War our minesweeper was in Cobh harbour. On Saturday night a small band of us set off by train for Cork for a look-see.

On arrival, I asked the guard the time of the last train back to Cobh.

He pondered. "Well now, about what time would you lads be wanting to go?"

"About half-past nine," I chanced.

"Right then. Come and tell me when you are all aboard and then we'll be off."

And so it turned out.

Yours faithfully,
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Study in contrasts

From Mr N. J. Inkley

Sir, The Archbishop of Canterbury goes to the TUC conference to champion employees' rights against their employers (report, September 10; letter, September 12). Meanwhile, he presides over the steady eradication of the parson's freehold and a synodical provision summarily to remove from office and disqualify churchwardens who do not fit in with their bishops' wishes.

It's a funny old world isn't it?

Yours,
NEIL INKLEY,
6 Knot Lane,
Walton-Le-Dale, Preston, Lancashire.
September 12.

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e-mail to: *letters@the-times.co.uk*

Obscure Windows as objects of desire

From Mr David Garfield

Sir, In his article, "Snakeoil, software and Gates" (September 10; see also article, August 26 and letters, September 5), Anatole Kaletsky joins the conspiracy brigade who claim that Microsoft and Intel between them have cooked up an artificial demand for their wares by adding gimmicks to processors and software.

I have been a PC user since 1983 and have constantly been amazed at the increased productivity brought by improvements in software and hardware. I believe that added software capability and improved processor power have revolutionised many people's working lives.

Kaletsky wants market forces to bring down prices and stabilise standards, but hardware prices have already plummeted in real terms. A top-performance PC costing £3,500 two years ago is an entry-level machine now, at less than £850.

No one is obliged to upgrade his PC. The software continues to work irrespective of the price and performance of the machines in the shops. It is the desire for the latest and most productive that fuels demand, not Bill Gates.

A modern computer is, of necessity, an extremely complex apparatus. The processing power on your desk today is many times that of a computer which was the size of a double-decker bus in 1960. There is no comparison with a television or a telephone.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID GARFIELD,
29 Orchard Avenue, N3.
September 10.

From Mrs S. G. Webb

Sir, I am a typist of vast experience. In the good old days, I would spend two hours taking shorthand and the rest of the day typing back anything up to 60 different letters of varying lengths. I have never been able to achieve more than 50 standard letters in a day using a PC. I put it down to all the time spent on naming and saving documents without, it seems, any real purpose. The paperless office is still a myth as, owing to numerous disasters, nobody quite trusts the computer.

The habitual PC user would never go back to the typewriter because, secretly, we all love the "spellcheck". However, the typewriter is still to be found in many offices, as many forms, particularly those used by the legal profession, have obviously been designed with the goose-feather quill in mind. It is difficult enough to load them into a typewriter and impossible to use them in a printer.

I agree with your correspondents (September 5) that we are still in the dark ages of IT technology, the users having to negotiate a tricky path between the Luddites, the breakdowns and the nerds.

Yours faithfully,
SUSANNA G. WEBB,
84 Buxton Street, E1.
September 5.

From Emeritus Professor
Richard Goss

Sir, Anatole Kaletsky should not be surprised either at the expense or the nature of his new Microsoft computer installation. As an economist he should know that the usual effects of a monopolistic position are high costs and the inefficiency he has observed.

Both are frustrating to the consumers. Thus, the instruction books veer from the patronisingly childish to incomprehensible techno-babble. Much of the system is badly designed, with numerous duplications, errors and inconsistencies. For example, mine tells me that "travelling" is misspelt unless it has a capital T, though it has no reservations about "travel" and "travelled".

Part of the trouble may be that, as much of this material is sold through shops or small computer firms, very little of this criticism is fed back to Microsoft. Without sufficient competition to induce reform, this may continue. What we need are systems which serve the consumers, sensibly explained. They will not appear until Microsoft learns something of how to teach.

Sincerely,
RICHARD GOSS,
1 Weir Gardens,
Pershore, Worcestershire.
September 6.

Over there

From Colonel J. A. Baker

Sir, Will someone explain to me how British Midland, or for that matter any other airline, can fly from Heathrow "to Europe" ("Rewarding *Times*", September 9)?

Yours faithfully
TONY BAKER,
Wykeham Lodge, 9 Harnwood Road,
Salisbury, Wiltshire.
bakertony@aol.com
September 9.

Help needed

From Miss Diana A. Bond

Sir, I am one of those obsessed with being in therapy (article, September 10). Is there anyone I can talk to about it?

Yours faithfully,
DIANA BOND,
The Garden Flat, 3 Heath Villas,
Vale of Health, Hampstead, NW3.
September 11.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 13: The Queen was represented by The Duchess of Kent at the Funeral of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Honorary Member of the Order of Merit, which was held in the Netaji Indoor Stadium, Calcutta, India, *this morning.*

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 13: The Prince Edward, President, the Commonwealth Games Federation, this morning attended the official opening and the first session of the Federation's 1997 General Assembly at the Mines Beach Resort Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Later His Royal Highness was received by The Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia at Istana Negara and remaind to Luncheon.

The Prince Edward this afternoon toured the various venues for *the XVI Commonwealth* Games to be held in 1998 in Kuala Lumpur.

His Royal Highness this eve*ning attended* a Reception given by the Commonwealth Games Federation, followed by a Dinner given by *Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin* Bin Haji Mohd (Minister of Youth and Sports) at the Mines Beach Resort *Hotel.*

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 13: The Princess Royal, Patron, the Association of Wrens, this afternoon attended a reunion at *the Royal Festival Hall, London* SE1.

CLARENCE HOUSE
September 13: The Lady Angela Oswald has succeeded the Lady Margaret Colville as Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 13: The Duke of *Gloucester. Patron, this afternoon* attended a Festival of Culture to mark the Fortieth Anniversary of the Pestalozzi Children's Village Trust, at Sedlescombe, East Sussex, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson).

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 14: Divine Service was *held in Crathie Parish Church this* morning. The Very Reverend Dr William Macmillan preached the Sermon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 14: The Prince Edward, President, today attended a Commonwealth Games Federation meeting at the *Mines Beach* Resort Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

During the morning His Royal Highness presented medals to Commonwealth Games 10 kilometre runners and in the afternoon attended the final of the 10 a-side rugby football competition.

The Prince Edward left Kuala Lumpur for London this evening.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 14: The Princess Royal today attended the European Championships at Burghley House, Burghley Park, Stamford, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

Birthdays today

Prince Henry of Wales is 13 today. The Rev Professor P.R. Ackroyd, theologian, 80; Mr Richard Arnell, composer *and conductor,* 80; *Mr* Charles Bone, mural and watercolour painter, 71; the Marquess of *Bristol,* 43; *General Eva* Burrows, former international leader, Salvation Army, 68; Mr T.J. Duggin, diplomat, 50; Lord Eden of Winton, 72; Professor Brian Fender, chief executive, Higher Education Funding Council for England, 63; Dr Richard Gordon, author, 76; Lord Harris of Peckham, 55; Professor Norman MacKay, President, Royal College *of Physicians and Surgeons* of Glasgow, 61; Miss Jessye Norman, soprano, 52; Viscount Norwich, 68; Mr Glen *Renfrew,* former chief executive, Reuters, 69; Sir Clive Rose, diplomat, 76; Lord Justice Schiemann, 60; Lady Soames, 75; Mr Oliver Stone, film director, 51; Sir Peter Studd, former Lord Mayor of London, 81; Mr Graham Taylor, football manager, 53; Mr George Walden, former MP, 58; Sir Richard Way, former Principal, King's College London, 83; *Sir* John Williams, former dip*lomat,* 75.

Service reunion

Association of Wrens

The Princess Royal was the guest of honour at a reunion of the *Association* of Wrens, held on Saturday at the Festival Hall.

More than 2,300 members attended, and the guests included Countess Mountbatten of Burma, Captain Pippa Duncan, RN, Brigadier D. Wilson, RM, and the Ven Simon Golding, Chaplain of the Fleet. Miss Daphne Blundell, President of the Association, presided.

Cambridge Tutors College, Croydon

Term begins *today at Cambridge* Tutors College with 203 students on roll, 45 of whom have joined on first-time A-level courses this term. A further cohort will join the college in January for the accelerated 18 month A-level course. Mr David Lowe has succeeded Mr David Wilson as Principal. An Open Evening for prospective students and their parents will take place on Wednesday, October 29, and further information is *obtainable on* 0181-688 5284. The Science Foundation Year Course operating in conjunction with Kings College *London* has *its* highest number of students to date. 13 major and minor scholarships have been granted to a range of able students. Rag Day takes place on December 18 and *term* ends on December 19.

Caterham School

The Autumn Term began on September 11 and ends on Friday, *December 17. Head Boy is Graeme* Coates. Head Girl and Captain of Netball is Elaine Dunwoodie. Captain of *Girls* Hockey — *Laura* Keen. Captain of Lacrosse — Rebecca Humber. Captain of Rugby is Ewan Turney. The new Sports Centre is now in full operation. The Stephen Smith Room will be opened on Friday, October 10. Open Mornings will be held on Saturdays, October 11 and November 8. 6th Form Open Evening will be held on Wednesday, November 19. OC Day will be on Sunday, November 9, when there will be a reunion lunch for all 1950s leavers. Contact the school for further information. The Drama production *Animal Farm will be performed on December 11,* 12 and 13, and the school Carol Service will be held on Sunday, December 14.

Wymondham College, Norfolk

Term begins today at Wymondham College. The Head Girl is Gemma Fuschillo and the Head Boy is Tom Holt. The Founder's Day Service will be held on Sunday, November 16, at 11.00am with the visiting preacher the Bishop of East Anglia, the Right Rev Peter D. Smith. The College production of *Grease* will begin on *December 4* with the final performance on December 7. Open Days this term are on September 27, October 18 and November 15 with an Open Evening for sixth formers on October 23.

Appointment

Professor Alfred Smyth, Master of *Keynes College and Professor of* Medieval History at the University of Kent at Canterbury, to be Warden of *St* George's House, Windsor Castle from January 1, 1998.

TONY WHITE

Bubba Helberg, jam taster at the Spitalfields horticultural show, assesses a competition entry yesterday. The show featured home-grown produce from around London

Today's anniversaries

BIRTHS: François, Duc de La Rochefoucauld, writer, *Paris, 1613;* Titus Oates, Protestant plotter, Oakham, 1649; Pierre Fournier, engraver and type founder, Paris, 1712; Jean-Sylvain Bailly, astronomer, 1st Mayor of Paris 1789-1791, Paris, 1736; James Fenimore Cooper, novelist, Burlington, New Jersey, 1789; Henry Sweet, philologist, London, 1845; Dame Agatha Christie, crime novelist, Torquay, 1891; *Jean* Renoir, *film* director, Paris, 1894.

DEATHS: Sir Thomas Overbury, writer, poisoned in the Tower of London, 1613; Sidney Godolphin, *1st Earl of Godolphin, statesman,* St Albans, 1712; Isambard Kingdom Brunel, civil engineer, *London, 1859; John* Speke, explorer, Neston Park, Bath, 1864; William Seward Burroughs, pioneer of adding machines, *Cintronella, Alabama, 1898;* Thomas Wolfe, novelist, Baltimore, Maryland, 1938; Anton von Webern, composer, *Mittersill,* Austria, 1945; Erich Mendelsohn, architect, San Francisco, 1953; Willy Messerschmitt, aircraft designer, Munich, 1978.

Today is Battle of Britain Day.

The first fatal railway accident occurred when William Huskisson, *MP, was killed at the* opening of the Liverpool-Manchester line, 1830.

The Russian Republic was proclaimed with Alexander Kerensky as Premier, 1917.

The first robot made in England was demonstrated at the Model *Engineering Exhibition in London* by its inventors Captain Rickards and A.H. Renfell, 1928.

Royal engagements

The Duke of York will attend the *Music for Montserrat* concert at the Albert Hall at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as President, RedR — Engineers for Disaster Relief, will attend the *annual* conference of the International Federation of Consulting Engineers, Edinburgh *International* Conference Centre, at 11.15; and as Visitor, Strathcarron Hospice, will visit the Hospice at Randolph Hill, Denny, Stirlingshire at 2.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as President, Royal School of Needlework, will visit the exhibition *125 Years of Excellence,* to mark the 125th anniversary of the Royal School, Hampton Court Palace, at 3.15; and will visit the Royal *Cambridge Home for Soldiers'* Widows, 82/84 Hurst Road, East Molesey, Surrey, at 4.00.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.S. Griffin
and Miss B.M. Denehy
The engagement is announced between Marcus, only son of Mr *and Mrs* Richard Griffin, of Mittagong, New South Wales, Australia, and Belinda (Boo), only daughter of *Mr and Mrs Timothy* Denehy, of Newton Valence, Hampshire.

Mr H.B. Hart
and Miss T.I. Power
The engagement is announced between Harry, eldest son of Mr David Hart, of Chadacre House, Shimpling, Suffolk, and Ms Karin Weis, and Tasmia, daughter of the late Mr *David K. Power,* SQA, OBE, and of Begum Zaharat Power-Clare, of Southgate House, Norwich.

Mr L. Holder
and Miss K.R. Densham
The engagement is announced between Liam, eldest son of Mr Brian Holder and *Mrs* Carol Holder, of East Sussex, and Katherine Rachel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Densham, of Brockley, Bristol.

Mr C.C. Morgan
and Ms M.J. Exton
The engagement is announced between Charles *Cennydd, son of* Mr Geoffrey Morgan, of Waltham Chase, Hampshire, and the late Mrs Wendy Morgan, and Maureen (Mo) Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Paffett, of Medstead, Hampshire.

Mr E.L.F. Musson
and Miss A.M. Cooper
The engagement is announced between Edward, elder son of Mr and Mrs *R.D.F. Musson, of* Nether Heyford, Northamptonshire, and Arabella, younger daughter of Mr and *Mrs P.J.* Cooper, of Shalford, Surrey.

Mr C. Stewart-Smith
and Miss K. Hamilton
The engagement is announced between *Charles, son of* Mr Geoffrey Stewart-Smith, of Ashe, Hampshire, and Mrs Kay Stewart-*Smith, of Wimbledon, and* Kirstie, daughter of Mr Mark Hamilton, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Mrs Elizabeth Hamilton, of Tamahere, New Zealand.

Queen's Counsel

The Lord Chancellor invites applications for appointment as Queen's Counsel from advocates who hold, and are entitled to exercise, full rights of audience in *the High Court or the Crown* Court.

Application forms, together with guidance notes for applicants, can be obtained from David Stobie, Lord Chancellor's Department, 2nd Floor, Selborne House, 54/60 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QW (tel: 0171 210 8921).

Completed forms should be returned to the same address by *Monday, October 13, 1997.* Applications received after noon on that day cannot be considered.

Marriages

Mr T.S.A. Lowther
and Miss V.M. Whately
The *marriage* took place on Saturday at St Rumbold's Church, Pentridge, Dorset, of Mr Thomas Lowther, son of the late Captain the Hon Anthony Lowther and of *Mrs* Lowther, of Penrith, Cumbria, to Miss Victoria Whately, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Whately, of *Shaftesbury,* Dorset. The Rev R. Wood officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Keswa Aboah, Adwoa Aboah, Lily Ashley and Guy Coltman-Rogers. Mr Edward Wilson was best man and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr H.P. Hope-Frost
and Miss L.W. Wigan
The marriage took place on Sat*urday* at All Saints' Episcopal Church, Glencarse, Tayside, of Mr Henry Hope-Frost, only son of Mr Tim *Hope-Frost and* Mrs Linda Hope-Frost, to Miss Leila Wigan, only daughter of Mr Christopher Wigan and the Hon Mrs Caroline Best. Canon Kenyon Wright *officiated.*

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at*tended by Arthur Best,* Annabelle Staib, Billy Henson and Miss Emily Hope-Frost. Mr Paul Gazzard was best man.

A reception was held at Rossie Priory and the honeymoon will be spent in Bali.

Mr M.A.N. Tomlin
and the Hon Susan Craig
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's Church, East Raynham, Norfolk, of *Mr Michael* Tomlin, son of Mr and Mrs C.S.N. Tomlin, of Binham, Norfolk, to the Hon Susan Craig, daughter of Lord and Lady Craig of Radley, of Park House, Helhoughton, Norfolk. The Ven Anthony Foottit and the Rev E. Bundock officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Emily Bacon and Miss *Suzie* Whicker. *Mr Ian Pearson* was best man, and a reception was held at the home of the bride.

Dr A.J. Slingsby
and Dr C.J.D. Bush
The *marriage* took place *on* Saturday, August 30, 1997, at the Church of St Mary Magdalene, Lyminster, West Sussex, of Dr Andrew Slingsby, only son of Mr and Mrs John Slingsby, of Retford, Nottinghamshire, to Dr Cathryn Bush, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Bush, of Warningcamp, Arundel, West Sussex. The Rev John Slegg officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Susannah Bush, Charlotte Barrington Haynes and Alice Bush. Mr Paul Chater was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Latest wills

Lord Trevor, of Chirk, Wrexham, left estate valued at £5,920,121 net.

'Salt is good; but if salt itself becomes tasteless, how will it be seasoned? It is useless either on the land or on the dungheap; it can only be thrown away. Luke 14 : 34,35

BIRTHS

COLLINS - On September 11 to Alan and Kate a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, a sister for Katie and George.

DREW - On September 8th 1997 in Athens to Justine (née Kunter) and Jason, a son (Jack William), a brother for Charlie.

FLORENCE - Deneice proudly announces the arrival of her beautiful daughter, Miss Isabella Lavinia de Haviland Florence, also to be known as "Tibby". Born 7th September 1997 at the Queens Hospital, Burton-on-Trent weighing 7lb 10oz.

GRAHAM-CAMPBELL - On 11th September 1997, to Henrietta (née Heneage) and Robert, a daughter, Emily Marguerite.

LUZ-KESSELMAN - On September 11th at Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, to Anne-Marie (née Luz) and Brian, a son, Joshua Emmanuel.

NEISH - On September 11th 1997, to Sarah (née Hughes) and Edward, a daughter Lucy Mira, a sister for Hettie.

RADICE MORRAS - On September 10th 1997 in London, to James and Marian, a daughter, Ana.

WHIPPLE - On September 5th, to Philippa and Sam, a son, William John Edwards (Will).

WOOD - On September 8th, to Simon and Lucy, a daughter, Elizabeth Anna, a sister for Archie and Erica.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

FOX - Bishop Langton Fox's family thank everyone for their masses, prayers and letters of sympathy.

DEATHS

ANDROUTSOPOULOS - Dennis. Husband of Valerie, father of Lucinda, Michelle, Georgia, Zoe and Micheal, died in Corfu on 10 September 1997 after a short illness. Please no flowers, but donatations to shelter, 88 Old Street London EC1V 9HU.

BRIGGS - George died peacefully on September 6th aged 88 years, a dear husband to Audrey and father to Michael and Angela. Born in Darwen, and with many years in the Bristol area, the latter 25 years were lived happily at Wimborne in Dorset. Private cremation.

CLEMENTS - Frank A. (Bungie), died peacefully at home on September 10th aged 84 years. Much loved father and grandfather who will be sorely missed by his family and friends. Funeral service at Putney Vale crematorium on Friday September 19th at 12 noon.

CURBONS - George of Sale, Manchester, passed away peacefully on September 10th. Much loved and sadly missed by Georgina and Richard, grandsons Hadley and Courtney, family and friends. Funeral 10.45 am St Mary's Church, Sale, Manchester, September 17th. No flowers. Donations to Cancer Research or Christie's Hospital, Manchester.

DEATHS

DARBY - Richard Neil. Born 7th January 1957. Died suddenly 9th September. Beloved son of Harry and Sheila and elder brother of Keith. Uncle of Emma and Simon. Employee of Lloyds Bank and friend of many. We will all miss him. Funeral at Redditch Crematorium on Thursday 18th September at 2.00pm. Simple flowers only please, or donations to Severn Wildfowl Trust. All friends of Richard welcome to come to the funeral and afterwards to the Studley Road Social Club. All enquiries to Huxley Funeral Service, 11 William Street, Redditch. Telephone (01527) 66661.

DIETRICH - Prof. Bernard Clive. Beloved husband of Ann, dear father of Christine, Susie and Nikki. Died at home on 11th September. Funeral at Aberystwyth Crematorium on 17th September at 2.15pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Brecon Road, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire NP7 7RB.

ESDEN - On September 11th, Jessie Margaret Chambers aged 104. Funeral Service will be at St Peter's Church, West Lydford, Somerset at 2pm on Thursday 18th September followed by private cremation at Yeovil. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to R.N.L.I. Enquiries to Forsey & Son, tel: (01458) 850654.

FROST - On 12th September 1997 in Burnham-on-Sea War Memorial Hospital, Ruth Mary (née Imlay) aged 70 of Brent Knoll, Somerset. Widow of Philip Herbert Gilling Frost, much loved mother of Peter and Catherine, mother-in-law of Sarah and Charles, grandmother of Joe, Kirsten and Ben. Funeral Service at St Michael's Church, Brent Knoll, on Thursday September 18th at 11 am. Private cremation to follow. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for the League of Friends Burnham War Memorial Hospital to Messrs P.J. Harris Funeral Directors, 2 Cross Street, Burnham-on-Sea, tel: (01278) 782886.

GREEN - Marie (Ned Jackman) Glenageary, County Dublin. September 12th 1997. Peacefully at Glengara Park Nursing Home. Widow of James RC, mother of Sister Carolyn SHCJ, Michael, Francesca (Fenwick), Kenney and John. Much loved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and friend. RIP. Removal today Monday to St Joseph's Church, Glasthule arriving 6pm. Funeral tomorrow Tuesday after 10am Mass to Glasnevin cemetery.

HIGHFIELD - Peacefully at her home Boxford on September 10th aged 94, Gwen, daughter of J S Highfield, sister of the late 'KEN', much loved Aunt of Jill and cousin of Barbara (deceased), Peggy, Martyn & Roger. Enquires regarding funeral arrangements Tel: 01635 522210.

HODSON - Marmaduke Storr, Captain RD, RNR ret'd aged 87 died 12th September at Pilgrim's Hospice, Margate, fighting valiantly to the last but now at peace. Mourned by Margaret his wife, daughters Margaret, Anne and Catherine, sons-in-law Graham, David and Paul and grandchildren Tristan, Ben, Edward, Jennifer, Sarah and Dominique. Funeral at St John the Baptist Church, Margate, on Thursday 18th September at 1315 followed by cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired the Pilgrim's Hospice, Thanet, c/o Gore Brothers, Margate.

MACLEOD - Neil on September 6th after a short illness. Funeral at All Saints Church, Farringdon, Hampshire on Thursday 18th September at 11.30am.

MATTHEWS - James Crawford (Jim) on September 12th peacefully at Edenhall Marie Curie Hospice, Hampstead in his 57th year. Beloved eldest son of Mary and Fred (of Aberdeen), dear brother of Nigel, Bill, Rosemary and Julia. Much respected and highly admired Deputy Director of BCS. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's, Highgate, London on Thursday September 18th at 10.30am. Family flowers only, enquiries regarding donations to Leverton & Sons Ltd, Tel: 0171 387 6075.

MIRRIELEES - Jeannie died peacefully at Salisbury District Hospital after a short illness aged 78. Dearly loved wife of the late Freddie Mirrielees, mother of Malcolm and grandmother of Charlotte and Rebecca. Funeral Service at 12.30 pm on Friday 19th September at Amesbury Parish Church. Flowers to Gerald Burden, 37 Church Street, Amesbury, Wilts. tel: (01980) 623262.

MORRIS - Graham Paul. Died on 12th September 1997, aged 44 years, after a courageous year long struggle against Myeloma. The loved husband of Helen and dearly loved father of Guy, Hugh and Euan. Respected Barrister and Assistant Recorder. Service at Neston Parish Church on Wednesday 17th September at 2:15pm and thereafter, private family burial. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Leukaemia Research Fund or the Barristers' Benevolent Association. Enquiries to the funeral director Henry Norman, the Cross Neston, South Wirral L64 9UB. Tel: 0151 336 4184

PETTER - Evelyn (Eve) Mary, née Leakey, peacefully in hospital, on 9th September 1997. Greatly loved wife of Michael and wonderful mother of Hugh and John. The funeral will be held at St Augustine's Parish Church, Churchfields, Broxbourne at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 23rd September. Family flowers only please. Donations may be sent to the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research (ARC) c/o 45 St Michael's Road, Broxbourne, Herts. EN10 7JN.

RANDELL - Sister Mary Gertrude (Dr Elizabeth Catherine Randell, LMSSA, MS BS). Peacefully in Nottingham on 11th September 1997 aged 86. Requiem Mass in the Chapel, Nazareth House, Priory Street, Old Lenton, Nottingham at 10:30am on Friday 19th September followed by burial at Wilford Hill. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished for Nazareth House and all enquiries to A W Lymn (Funeral Directors) Robin Hood Street, Nottingham, NG3 1GF. (0115 950 5875)

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

THOMAS - Francis Stewart (Frank) September 15th 1971. All my love always. Maddie.

MOUNTFORD - In loving memory of Sir James Frederick Mountford, Vice Chancellor of Liverpool University (1945-1963) who was born 100 years ago today.

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JOHNSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Stephen (Stevie) Johnson will be held in the Oxnam Kirk, Jedburgh, on Saturday October 4th at 2.30 pm.

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All persons claiming to be the next of kin of the above named Walter McDonagh deceased who was born on the 5th day of June 1926 at New Docks Galway Ireland and died on the 17th day of January 1993, a son of Thomas and Nora McDonagh (formerly O'Malley) and in particular his brother Joseph McDonagh (and his child/children, if any) the said Joseph McDonagh having been born on 20th day of July 1930 at Galway, Ireland and believed to have joined the British Navy circa 1949, stationed at Gosport England are required on or before the 20th day of October, 1997 to enter their claims in the Examiner's Office, Aras Uí Dhálaigh, Inns Quay, Dublin 7, Ireland and if so required by notice in writing from Messrs. F.M. FitzGerald and Company, solicitors for the Plaintiff of Kilkerrin House, Forster Street, Galway, Ireland shall prove such claim by Affidavit within such time as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order

The 13th day of November, 1997 at 2.00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Examiner's office has been appointed for hearing and adjudicating on the claims.

Dated the 21st day of August 1997
A. CONDON, EXAMINER

LEGAL NOTICES

The Insolvency Act 1986
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 26th September 1997 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Herts, SG8 5RA at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
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Dated this 5th day of September 1997
By Order of the Board
A. Letford, Director.

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David John Mason, Liquidator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DUE TO the recent tragic events, the Witt Chess Club meetings will be cancelled until further notice. Will Mr Scott please collect his chess set from the hotel reception.

GILLIES: As a reminder of the role my late husband played in my life and in order to perpetuate his memory, I Mrs M G Gillies (née Anne Bethan McCall-Smith) am changing my name to (Mrs) Anne B Gordon-Gillies. In future I would like to be so known and addressed.

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ROBIN SKELTON

Robin Skelton, British-born Canadian poet, died on on August 27 aged 71. He was born on October 12, 1925.

Poet, storywriter and latterly self-styled witch, Robin Skelton taught English literature at the University of Victoria, British Columbia, from 1963 after a lecturing career at Manchester University. He was subsequently founder of the creative writing department at Victoria University and was its first director and finally chairman.

He was certainly one of Canada's most industrious literary figures. In the years after his arrival in Canada from Britain he produced a steady stream of work: volumes of verse; short stories; a play; critical and biographical works; and editions of other poets. But the jury is still out on whether a poetic voice which had been nurtured in the North of England really survived transplantation to an ethos so different as that of Canada.

Skelton had begun writing verse in the "Movement" manner of the 1950s, exemplified by such poets as Philip Larkin, Donald Davie and Kingsley Amis. The mood was self-effacing to the point of flatness: the verse itself was spare and deliberately unexciting. There was a tendency in all this to hymn personal inadequacy (in the sense of an awareness of deliberate emotional self-limitation, even of being emotionally crippled).

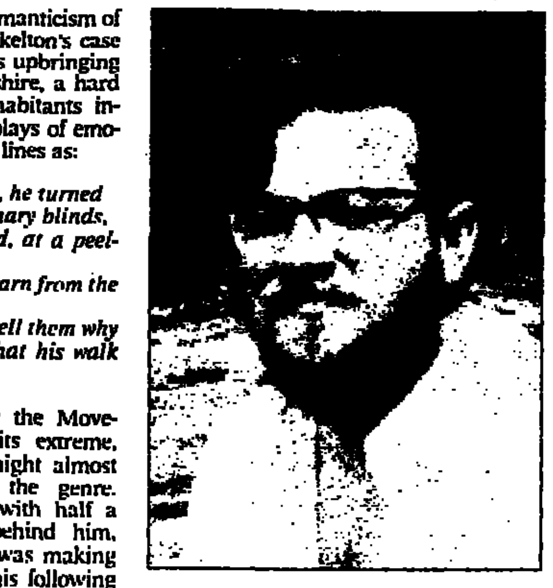
This was a calculated riposte to what had been seen as the lush romanticism of the poets of the 1940s. In Skelton's case this was underpinned by his upbringing in the East Riding of Yorkshire, a hard favoured terrain whose inhabitants instinctively react against displays of emotion. It was reflected in such lines as:

Lost in the ordinary street, he turned
and stared up at the ordinary blinds,
and knocked, half-hearted, at a peeling door:
not that he thought he'd learn from the reply,
or even that he'd know to tell them why
he'd come this way, or what his walk was for.

This was quintessentially the Movement "voice". Indeed, in its extreme, inward-looking nature, it might almost have been a parody of the genre. Therefore, when, in 1963, with half a dozen volumes of verse behind him, Skelton announced that he was making his life in North America, his following wondered how this resolutely sceptical poet, well-established in mid-career, would find literary life in the wide open spaces of his adoptive country.

The problem certainly did not seem to worry Skelton. His spirit expanded into the open spaces, deriving sustenance from the land and its past. He became an active witch, practised a range of traditional rites and performed exorcisms.

There was a fresh mental "zip" to his verses, too. Introversion he put behind him and he responded to Canadian landscape, and to the less cluttered inscape of its peoples' minds. His line became shorter, simpler and, some thought, more energetic. Even when returning to the past to contemplate, for example, his ageing mother, he seemed to derive strength from the experience.



Her children around her, she
holds up an open book.
It shows us she can read.

The hooded lens that took
this yellowing picture gave
her face a stubborn look,
self confident and brave.

His English admirers found this sort of thing factitious. But this was a perhaps predictable response. For him and his Canadian following it was a direct result of the new "freed-up" atmosphere he breathed.

However, having "stepped" across the Atlantic, he did not turn his back on Europe. Ireland, in particular, had always interested him. In the early 1960s he had edited *Six Irish Poets*, drawing attention to men like Thomas Kinsella and John Montague. In the 1990s he was writing poems which acknowledged both Irish verse rhythms and those of Irishmen who write in English.

Robin Skelton was born in Easington, on the North Sea coast of Yorkshire, and educated at Pocklington Grammar School, near York. From there he got a place at Christ's College, Cambridge, where he remained for the year 1943-44. But war claimed him and he was called up into the RAF, where he served in the ranks until 1947, by which time he was a sergeant. During his time with the RAF he served for two years in India where he turned himself into a proficient broadcaster, presenting programmes for All India Radio and, in particular, working on his verse speaking technique. He always claimed that the solitude of being at boarding school and the relatively uncongenial atmosphere of the war-weary RAF had turned him in on himself and provided him with his most powerful impetus to write verse.

After this he resumed university studies, but this time at Leeds, where he graduated in English in 1950 and took a Master's in the following year. In the meantime he had found work as dramatic critic for the Leeds *Union News* and he also founded a small publishing firm which was devoted to the publication of poetry in pamphlet form.

He had to drop these activities when he went to Manchester University as an assistant lecturer in English in 1951. But he still wrote dramatic criticism, this time for the *Manchester Guardian*, as it then was. He also helped to found the Peterloo Group of Poets and Painters and the Manchester Institute of Contemporary Arts. He was appointed a lecturer at Manchester in 1954, a post he held for nine years.

But in this period he had spent the year 1962 as a visiting professor at Victoria College, British Columbia, which was just about to acquire its charter as the University of Victoria. The young institution appealed to him and he determined to throw in his lot with the intellectual life of the country.

Energies which he had felt were stifled in England were given free rein there. Besides, he had for some time sensed a relative slackening in his creative energies as a poet (it did not endure) and he was happy to diversify into other spheres. He wrote art criticism for the *Daily Times* of Victoria. He had begun to make collages while still in England and he now redoubled his efforts in this direction, touring a selection of his work throughout the western provinces of Canada.

In addition to Synge, Yeats became a major interest. Skelton organised an exhibition of books, manuscripts and prints at Victoria University, entitled *The World of W. B. Yeats*, and co-edited a symposium of the same name. In 1965 he lectured on Yeats in Dublin, and at the Sligo International Summer School.

An assiduous entrepreneur of the arts, he founded the *Malahat Review* in 1967, the year in which he also founded the Creative Writing Program at Victoria University. He was its director, 1967-73, and chairman of what had by then become the Department of Creative Writing, 1973-76. These activities, and the impetus to exploration of the poetic process they involved, gave a boost to his poetic creativity and he published prolifically again from the 1970s onwards.

Skelton liked to affect an exotic appearance, to go with his new spiritual expansiveness. This involved a cape and black hat and he also sported a variety of huge rings on his fingers. As a teacher, his infectious enthusiasm is remembered by generations of students.

His first marriage, to Margarat Lambert, was dissolved in 1957. In that year he married Sylvia Jarrett. She survives him with their two daughters. Their son died in 1994.

ERWEIN GRAF MATUSCHKA-GREIFFENCLAU

Erwein Graf Matuschka-Greiffenclau, German winemaker, committed suicide on August 19 aged 58. He was born on November 14, 1938.

COUNT Matuschka-Greiffenclau was the owner of one of Germany's oldest and best-known winemaking estates, and a prominent champion of his country's wines. His family had tended vines at its Schloss Vollrads property, above the village of Winkel in the Rheingau, since the beginning of the 13th century. On August 18, after several years of financial trouble, the estate's local bankers began bankruptcy proceedings against it; early the next morning, the count was found shot dead in a wood overlooking the vineyards.

As the count's death and the fate of his great estate may suggest, recent years have not been easy for some of Germany's winemakers, and it is only by entering into partnership with big corporate investors that several of the oldest aristocratic estates have survived at all: others have been put up for sale. Matuschka-Greiffenclau's pride would not allow him to follow that route. He refused, he said, to be turned into a glorified doorman, politely greeting visitors to a house that had once been his home. Instead, he worked tirelessly to restore and modernise Schloss Vollrads by himself, and to promote both his own wines and the German wine trade as a whole. It was a process that left him DM20million in debt.

Erwein Matuschka-Greiffenclau took over Schloss Vollrads, a fine old house set high above the Rhine amid woods and 50 hectares of vines, only after his elder brother had declined to do so on the death of their father in 1977. Until then he had worked as a marketing manager for Olivetti in Germany. A forceful, charming and energetic man, 6ft 4in tall, with a passion for driving fast cars, he set about his new tasks with gusto.

His marketing skills proved useful at a time when fine German wines were struggling in an increasingly crowded world market. In the 19th century the best German rieslings, especially those of the Rheingau, had been among the most highly regarded (and expensive) wines in the world. They were specially prized in England, with London merchants of the 1890s listing Rheingau wines at twice the price of the most expensive champagne, and 25 per cent more than the first growth claret of Château Lafite; only the luscious wines of Château Yquem could equal the Germans for price.

But by the time Matuschka-Greiffenclau took over his family's estate, good German wines were undervalued in both real and relative terms, and not easy to sell outside the domestic market. Part of the fault lay with those German producers whose eagerness to meet international demand for cheap sweet wines had led them to flood the market with what tasted like (and sometimes was) a blend of grape juice, syrup and domestic cleaning fluids: the country's wine laws were rarely very much help.

Serious German winemakers could do little to stem the tide of industrial liebfraumilch. What they could do — and what Matuschka-Greiffenclau notably did — was try to convince discriminating drinkers around the world that the best German wines were still on a par with the best from anywhere else.

In 1984 the count was a founder member of the influential Charta group of growers, who argued that the natural style of Rheingau rieslings was, historically, dry. A range of steely dry wines came to dominate the Schloss Vollrads range.

But he was also keen to show how even the great sweet German wines could match a surprising range of foods. He travelled widely with his wines, personally persuading restaurant owners to add them to their lists. He himself owned one of Germany's best restaurants, the Graues Haus in Winkel, located in what is thought to be the oldest stone house in the country; there, and in another restaurant at Schloss Vollrads itself, he was able to show his wines to best advantage.

The count served as president of the Rheingau Wine Association from 1986 until his death, and from 1978 to 1990 was president of the Association for German Quality Wines. There were those, however, who thought he put too much faith in marketing and expensive cellar technology. Several critics in recent years had claimed to detect a falling-off in the quality of Schloss

Vollrads wines (and in those of some other historic producers). Robert Parker, the American wine guru whose confident opinions carry such formidable weight in today's competitive market, was among those who latterly counted Schloss Vollrads among Germany's prominent underachievers.

Erwein Graf Matuschka-Greiffenclau was married first to Countess Waldburg and secondly to Sabine Neggert, a former skiing champion who died in 1995.

He is survived by the companion of his last years, Jutta, and by the daughter of his second marriage.

FRED DAVIES

Frederick William Davies, founder of the York Trailer Company, died on August 21 aged 90. He was born on June 19, 1907.

FRED DAVIES founded what was to become the largest domestic manufacturer of trailers for Britain's road transport industry. He was actively involved in the commercial vehicle business for nearly all his working life, after joining the British subsidiary set up by the American truck builder Reo in 1929. He stayed with Reo for eight years and was the force behind its later successful expansion into key markets of southern Africa.

He subsequently became Latin American distributor for Fruehauf, the American trailer-maker, which 30 years later was to be York's main rival in Britain. Davies helped to introduce many truck operators to the principle of the articulated tractor/semi-trailer combination, with the slogan: "A truck is like a horse — it can pull four times more than it can carry."

Frederick William Davies was born in London and went to a variety of schools, leaving at the earliest opportunity. His early working life was somewhat aimless, until at 21 he joined the Reo Motor Company, for whom he worked for eight years in Hammersmith and then in South Africa. He then spent two years in Central and South America, having secured an agency for Fruehauf Trailers.

At the start of the Second World War, Davies's British roots drew him to Canada where he enlisted in the Canadian Army. At the end of hostilities he became president of Canadian Trailmobile, a newly established offshoot of the Cincinnati-based trailer-maker, where his enthusiasm again brought success.

By the middle of the 1950s Davies was convinced that the best of North American trailer technology could be brought to Britain, making trailers less costly to manufacture and, crucially, lighter than traditional British ones. In 1956 he founded the York Trailer Company.

From modest beginnings, in a rented area of Oswald Tillotson's truck dealer workshop at Burnley, Lancashire, the company (with its maple leaf logo alluding to its founder's adopted home) mounted a storming assault on the rather hidebound British semi-trailer market. Through its first decade or more, which included the move in 1957 to its first factory at Corby, Northamptonshire, the company's key product was the Freightmaster van trailer, which pioneered "chassisless" construction, with characteristic ribbed aluminium sidewalls providing the strength conferred in rival van trailers by heavy I-beam mainrails.

The name "YORK", cut out — uniquely at the time — in stencil fashion in the rear crossmember (so that it would not be lost under later coats of paint) became an ever more common sight on British roads.

York's many other innovations included extendable trailers and fabricated fifth-wheel couplings. The containerisation of sea freight saw York embark on a further venture, leading to the opening in 1969 of a new purpose-built plant at Northallerton in North Yorkshire, where shipping containers were produced in great numbers.

Though he retained a home in Canada, Davies settled near Northallerton, which became the manufacturing base for the Freightmaster and then for York's big-selling platform-trailer range.

At its peak, in the mid-1980s, the plant employed some 600 people and was producing around 4,000 trailers a year, as York vied for market leadership in Britain with its long-standing rival, the then American-owned Fruehauf.

Fred Davies will be remembered as a shrewd businessman who understood better than most the requirements of the transport operator. Though he had a mischievous sense of humour, he demanded the utmost from staff and suppliers alike, and thus earned immense respect and loyalty.

He married Mary in 1946, but the marriage was dissolved in 1968. He is survived by his second wife Joan, whom he married in 1970, and by three sons and a daughter.

MAJOR STEPHEN MASEFIELD

Major O. S. Masefield, CBE, former chairman and chief executive of the Insurance Markets Trade Association, died on August 22 aged 78. He was born on September 16, 1918.

STEPHEN MASEFIELD was held in high regard throughout the complex world of international motoring insurance for his fairness, initiative, integrity, skilled negotiating ability and good humour.

Owen Stephen Masefield was born at Cheadle, Staffordshire, the youngest son of Dr W. G. Masefield. After graduating in law from Cambridge in 1940, Masefield, like so many of his contemporaries, spent the first seven years of his career in the British Army. From the OTC of Jesus College, he passed through the Royal Army Service Corps training battalion at Bulford camp to receive a commission in the Somerset Light Infantry with the 129th Brigade of the 43rd Wessex Division at Canterbury in 1941. He was appointed a staff captain at HQ, 129th Infantry Brigade in 1943 and deputy assistant adjutant and quartermaster-general in 1944, with the rank of major.

He landed in Normandy eight days after D-Day with the HQ, 185 Infantry Brigade and, as Transport Officer, RASC, fought with the Somersets at Hill 112, Mont Pinçon and through the Falaise Gap, to cross the Seine and join Operation Market Garden operation with the 30th Corps before crossing the Rhine into Germany.

There, in due course, he was involved in the restarting of the Volkswagen factory at Wolfsburg, and had the satisfaction of overseeing the building of the first car there after the war.

From Germany, in October 1945, he landed with the 3rd Division in Cairo, and went on to Palestine, as OC 48th Company RASC, returning to Britain as regimental major in August 1946.

After demobilisation he joined the Territorial Army as the DAA and QMG at HQ, 129th Infantry Brigade with the substantive rank of major, serving from 1949 to 1959, and then transferred to the Territorial Army Reserve of Officers. He had been appointed MBE (Military Division) in 1945, and was raised to OBE (Civil Division) in 1973 and CBE in 1984.

In civil life he joined the Accident Officers Association in 1947 as assistant secretary and rose steadily to become chairman and chief executive of the British Insurance Markets Trade Association and chairman of the International Motor Insurers Bureaux in 1966. Responsible for the international "green cards", he was chairman of the Council of Bureaux from 1967 to 1983, when he was elected life president d'honneur. He was a keen motorist, and his duties took him enjoyably to preside at meetings throughout the widespread bailiwick of the green cards and of other mutual provisions to assist motorists generally.

Stephen Masefield married Betty Tipton of the Wrens in November 1947. She and their daughter survive him.

Church news

Appointments

Canon Robert Ladds, Rector, Preston St John, Christ the King Chapel, St George, St Saviour w St James, St Stephen (Blackburn): to be Archdeacon of Lancaster (same diocese).

The Rev John McGrath, Vicar, York St Luke (York): to be Vicar, Hollinwood St Margaret, and Priest-in-Charge, Oldham St Chad Limeside (Manchester).

The Rev Simon Mansfield, Curate, Birchington w. Acol and Minnis Bay (Canterbury): to be Team Vicar, Accrington St James, St Paul, St Andrew, St Peter (Blackburn).

The Rev Mandy Marriott, Curate, Manston (Ripon): to be Curate, Wetherby St James (same diocese).

The Rev Andrew Marsden, Curate, Cowplain St Wilfrid (Portsmouth): to be Vicar, Wokingham St Sebastian (Oxford).

The Rev Martin Onions, Vicar, Hydneye Conventional District (Chichester): to be Vicar, Findon Valley (same diocese).

The Rev Stephen Nunn, Curate, Hollington St Leonard (Chichester): to be Rector, Clymping St Mary the Virgin and Yapton w. Ford (same diocese).

The Rev David Parker, Team Vicar, Ifield (Chichester): to be Rector, Lavant (same diocese).

The Rev Philip Parker, Assistant Chaplain, Shiplake College (Oxford): to be Curate, Lindfield All Saints (Chichester).

The Rev Geoff Pickering, Curate, Horsham (Chichester): to be Vicar, Heathfield All Saints (same diocese).

The Rev Michael Ratcliffe, Vicar, Oswaldtwistle St Paul (Blackburn): to be also Rural Dean of Accrington (same diocese).

Canon John Saunders, Priest-in-Charge, Horsmonden, and Area Secretary (SE England) SAMS (Rochester): to be Vicar, Gillingham St Mark (same diocese).

The Rev Christopher Walker, Vicar, Chatham St Stephen (Rochester): to be Rector, Chislehurst St Nicholas (same diocese).

Nature notes

MANY peregrine falcons are moving away from the cliffs to winter around marshes and lakes, or even in cities, roosting on pylons or tall buildings. They swoop down on smaller birds with breathtaking speed, the air rushing noisily over their half-folded wings.

Young buzzards are also drifting away from the moors to the lowlands. Along the coast, grey plovers are arriving, some still in their silvery summer plumage, and greenshanks are resting on migration by quiet pools inland.

Willow warblers on their slow journey south are coming into gardens to feed on elderberries: occasionally they sing softly, as they flit lightly from spray to spray. With the cooler nights, leaves are at last starting to change colour, especially on the lime trees, where the first winged seeds are also spinning down.

The peregrine falcon

Conkers are falling from the horse-chestnuts; those that are blown down prematurely by the wind still have a few white streaks on the glossy brown fruit. Flowers still commonly in bloom include the mauve pincushions of field scabious and the tall purple spires of marsh woundwort at the foggy edge of lakes DJM

ON THIS DAY

September 15, 1925

One of the best-loved of the early Charlie Chaplin films found him sharing a hut in the wilds of Alaska with the fearsome Mack Swain.

The Gold Rush at the Tivoli.

The Gold Rush, the new film in which Mr Charles Chaplin takes the leading part, was shown today for the first time in this country yesterday at the Tivoli Cinema in the Strand. It is to remain indefinitely and will not be seen elsewhere until its run there is concluded. At each performance yesterday, there were packed audiences, the greater part of the new entertainment being received with uproarious laughter, and this popular verdict is probably the right one, for although the production shows no step forward in the technique either of the comedy itself or of the humour of the leading actor, yet it is an excellent example of the "Chaplin method," which is still in a class by itself. The success of the film can be summed up in the fact that it reveals Mr Chaplin at his best, and this should be sufficient for all but the excessively hypercritical.

One of the drawbacks of this new comedy is that at the beginning melodrama and broad humour are so inextricably mixed that it is difficult to appreciate either. We are first shown the rush of prospectors to Alaska at the height of the "gold fever". There are some magnificient scenes here and the whole of the part is well done, but the producer seeks to change the mood of his audience rather too violently: into the middle of these affecting scenes comes Mr Chaplin, in all his customary uniform of bowler hat, stick, and queer boots. There are one or two incongruous incidents afterwards, but on the whole the film grows more consistent as it proceeds, and the humour soon develops in the usual way.

In spite of his reputation as a comedian, Mr Chaplin is so good a dramatic actor that it is not surprising that he is tempted at times to show his versatility. In one past production, *The Kid*, the mixture of pathos and humour was quite effective, but here the mixture has not been quite so judiciously made. However, there is so much excellent comedy, after the rather slow beginning, that this fault can easily be overlooked.

Mr Chaplin himself is as amusing as ever. His own comedy is so subtle as to be almost impossible of analysis, for it is the comedian himself, rather than the material at his command, that is most conspicuous. It is, therefore, a little difficult to select specific passages in which his genius is most evident. One part of the film, however, does remain in the memory, and yesterday afternoon it was received with great enthusiasm by the onlookers. It deals with the misfortunes of the hero of the film and his "mate" in a log hut, which has been blown by a gale on to the very edge of a cliff — and a little farther. This is not quite an original film situation, but in *The Gold Rush* it is most originally treated and for nearly a quarter of an hour it is almost impossible to stop laughing at the antics that are happening on the screen. Mr Chaplin, of course, is the central figure of the production, but he never unduly obscures his helpers in the company, whose acting reaches quite a high standard. The musical accompaniment is excellent and never obtrusive. All those who enjoy a hearty laugh should go to see *The Gold Rush*, of which one of the especial recommendations is that even when the humour is at its height it is never in the least vulgar.

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

Hague sparks row over Princess

■ The political truce over the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, ended abruptly yesterday when William Hague accused Tony Blair of making capital out of the tragedy. The Conservative leader accused Downing Street of shabby politics by briefing the media on the Prime Minister's advice to the *Royal Family* after the Princess's death .... **Pages 1 and 2**

Judges to be denied free rein

■ The Government's plans for Britain's first Bill of Rights in 300 years will preserve Parliament's supremacy and deny judges power to strike down statutes that are inconsistent with human rights. But a key question in the White Paper for a Human Rights Bill, expected towards the end of next month, will be whether courts will be able to declare Acts of Parliament "invalid" if they are inconsistent with human rights .... **Page 1**

Dignity at No 10

Constitutional experts praised Tony Blair yesterday for behaving with dignity after the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. There was praise, too, for the way he observed the conventions governing relations between Downing Street and the Palace ....**Page 2**

A son is born

Three years after emerging from a gruelling regime of chemotherapy which left her infertile, Gill Garnham has a baby son, Frederick ....**Page 3**

March of time

A senior American army officer has produced a controversial list of the hundred most influential military leaders of all time — including Adolf Hitler and Saddam Hussein............ **Page 4**

Handel museum

An extraordinary collection of Handel manuscripts and memorabilia has been acquired for a new museum ....**Page 5**

Peace talks

For all the last-minute manoeuvring, the peace negotiations opening at Stormont today are widely seen as the best chance of resolving the conflict in Ulster since partition in 1921 ..... **Page 6**

Assault law review

The much-criticised catch-all criminal law on assault is to be scrapped in a government review ....**Page 8**

Church anger at Blair

The Prime Minister's rejection of the Church of England's two candidates to succeed the Right Rev David Sheppard, Bishop of Liverpool, could strengthen calls for disestablishment .... **Page 9**

Vetting Labour

A system of vetting all Labour candidates for the Scottish Parliament and the proposed Welsh Assembly will be a model for Labour parliamentary candidates ....**Page 10**

Vichy secrets

The French Government is to allow greater access to wartime archives, including details of cooperation between officials and the Gestapo.................... **Page 11**

Euro pressure

Pressure has increased on Britain over the European single currency after European Union finance ministers decided to speed the calendar..........................**Page 12**

Revenge raid

Two Israeli soldiers were ambushed and killed in south Lebanon yesterday in revenge for the deaths on Friday for the son of an Hezbollah leader .... **Page 13**

Clinton minefield

President Clinton has been accused by a former senior adviser of siding with President Castro of Cuba and Libya's Colonel Gaddafi by failing to join the global fight against landmines ....**Page 14**

Dilemma without horns

■ Animal rights activists are trying to close America's only bullfighting school — where, instead of facing a raging bull, students armed with wooden swords fight an instructor waving a pair of horns and snorting loudly. The Humane Society claims this still desensitises people to the "cruelty actually suffered by a bull in a ring"........................ **Page 14**

TONY WHITE

Three-year-old Bernice Graham from Surrey frames a shot at the annual parade of the British Morgan Horse Society in Hyde Park

BUSINESS

Share probe: The Stock Exchange is investigating share transactions in Stagecoach by the husband of Ann Gloag, its co-founder and director .... **Page 48**

Rail bonanza: Railtrack is set to anger the Government after revelations that it has made at least £200 million more from property dealing than it estimated in its flotation prospectus .... **Page 48**

Handout by BG: BG is to buy back £1 billion worth of its shares only a week after deciding to cut 2,500 jobs.. **Page 48**

Pension boost: Scots could get improved pensions if the country's new Parliament decides to use its fiscal powers following last weeks "yes" vote on devolution ....**Page 45**

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Endangered buildings: The World Monuments Fund publishes a list of the 100 most endangered sites from Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado to the Alexander Palace in St Petersburg.................**Page 18**

Final Proms: The Last Night of the Proms ended, predictably; while on the penultimate night Colin Davis conducted the Verdi *Requiem* in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales and Sir Georg Solti **Page 18**

Men of the moment: Oasis launch their British tour with a gig in Exeter that shows they have learnt a thing or two about live performance ....**Page 19**

Poor start: The Royal Opera sets up shop in the Barbican with a disappointing production of Handel's *Guilio Cesare* ....**Page 19**

MIND AND MATTER

Sniff out romance: Scientists cannot agree whether human beings have the right equipment to pick up the scent of lust.................. **Page 15**

Wrap it up: A nutritionist has a novel way to reduce litter — eat the wrapper, too......................... **Page 15**

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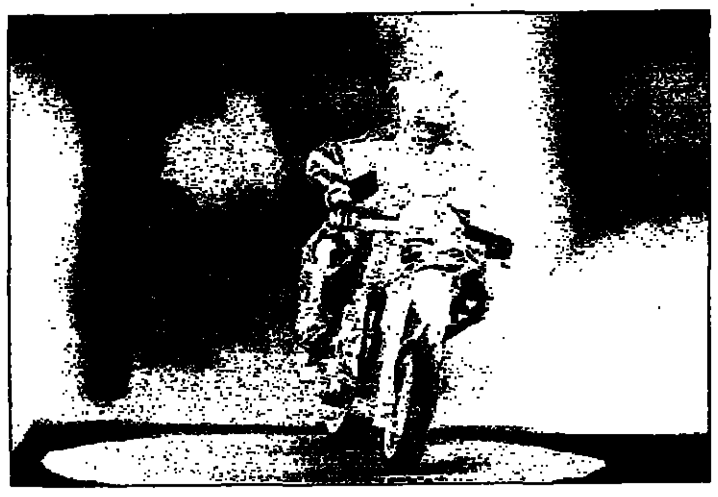

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ ARTS

Richard Patterson and other young British artists go on show at the Royal Academy

■ LAW

Does the Family Law Act 1996 provide better protection against domestic violence?

SPORT

Football: Seven goals in the first half-hour suggested a glut, but they were followed by a scoreless next 60 minutes as Leeds United beat Blackburn Rovers 4-3 in a remarkable FA Carling Premiership game at Ewood Park....................**Page 25**

Cricket: Kent's failure against Yorkshire at Headingley allowed Warwickshire to win the Axa Life League title with a comfortable 71-run victory over Gloucestershire at Edgbaston ....**Pages 28-29**

Athletics: Liz McColgan lost her unbeaten record in the Great North Run when Lucia Subano, of Kenya, and Marian Sutton both finished ahead of her. Hendrick Ramaala, from South Africa, was the men's winner .... **Page 27**

Tennis: Tim Henman, the former Great Britain No 1, beat Marc Rosset, the third seed from Switzerland, in straight sets to win the President's Cup in Tashkent, his second ATP tour titleof the season .... **Page 26**

Equestrianism: A faultless final showjumping round from William Fox-Pitt on Cosmopolitan enabled the Great Britain three-day event team to retain its overnight lead and to win the European championship at Burghley............**Page 27**

Sport in schools: Dulwich College are looking forward to a rugby union season of unprecedented success. They have five pupils playing for England at under-18 and under-16 levels .... **Page 40**

RADIO & TV

The American Kelsey Grammar, star of TV's *Frasier*, makes a debut on British radio in *Book at Bedtime* (Radio 4, 10.45pm). A series of documentaries by emerging directors opens with *Picture This Waiting* (BBC2, 9.30pm)........... **Page 46**

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Princess and politics

There are dangers for both party leaders in managing the future of the monarchy. The Prime Minister in particular will find that the demands on his time are immense and the path perilous.........**Page 21**

Rifle at the door

If Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness take refuge in equivocation and euphemism and Sinn Fein is incapable of accepting the principle of consent, then the question of whether Mr Trimble might talk to republicans face to face becomes academic ....**Page 21**

Some talk of Alexander

Most of the generals who make Colonel Lanning's top 20 ranking would be on any considered list. Charlemagne, Cortes, Attila the Hun, Peter the Great and even Eisenhower were military leaders whose exploits redrew many a boundary on the map........**Page 21**

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Scottish nationhood would be strengthened — something most English people accept. Welsh nationhood would be confirmed and the English nation would be divided into petty regions .... **Page 20**

PETER RIDDELL

So much nonsense has been written about the creation of a new Britain that I have longed for a George Orwell to prick the plethora of pretensions............... **Page 20**

Rachel Campbell-Johnston

If the young British artists had made their reputations challenging establishment views, they increasingly found themselves with nothing to smash against......... **Page 20**

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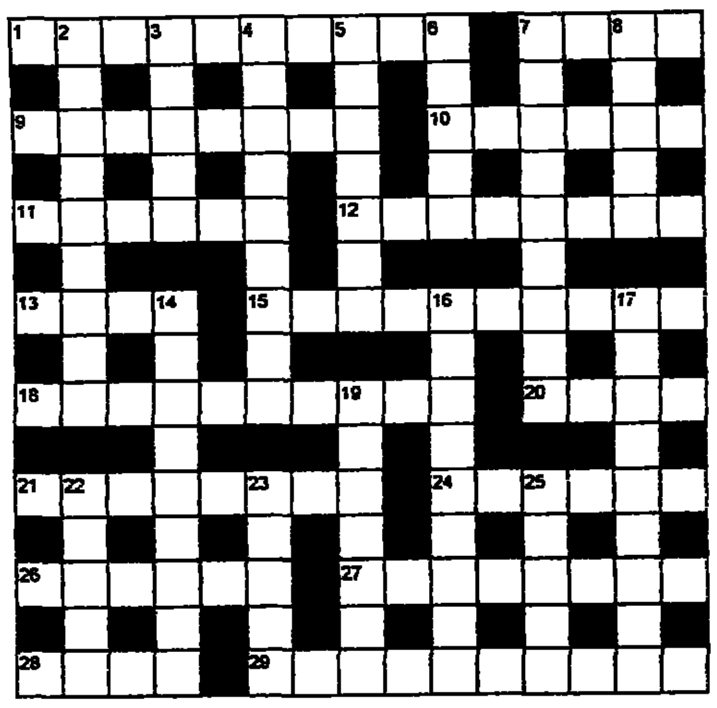

ACROSS
1 Youth gets a little money to cover grants (10).
7 Line from European pottery centre showing skill (4).
9 Frantic protest gets murderer sent back (8).
10 Quiet conduct in one so forceful (6).
11 Means of measuring the flow of juice (6).
12 Source of illumination for animal transport reportedly going to fair (3,5).
13 Swallow hard as promotion's put back (4).
15 A son reading to secure University entrance — that's normal (2,3,5).
18 Support worker previously in service (6-4).
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21 Retreated from lines in the light of danger (8).
24 Calls heard in court for release (3,3).
26 Damage one M2 junction (6).
27 Shock treatment inflicted in religious orders? (8).
28 Way to meet the old viewer's complaint (4).
29 Bond sure to render me liable to tax (10).

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2 Rivers harbouring marine rodent in America (4,5).
3 Fail to catch duck set free (5).
4 Treated a red skin with penny ointment (9).
5 Squeeze making opponents for contracts buckle under (7).
6 Subject of the Crown in charge (5).
7 Forced departure of single vessel in gloomy surroundings (9).
8 Saucy novel (5).
14 Walk for miles before East European turned up (9).
16 Fragrance of elder once scattered around (9).
17 Sauna made adjustable to an extreme degree? (2,7).
19 Listener who's critical of one's accounts? (7).
22 Openings provided by employer's magnanimity touched old worker (5).
23 Cancel credit in advance (5).
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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,584 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

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Full moon tomorrow

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Bristol 7.25 pm to 6.47 am
Edinburgh 7.31 pm to 6.48 am
Manchester 7.25 pm to 6.44 am
Penzance 7.38 pm to 6.59 am

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☐ **General:** England and Wales mostly fine after early fog clears, with sunny spells, and after a cold start it should soon warm up. Western and northern Wales and northwest England mostly cloudy with a brisk wind, and occasional rain. Scotland, Northern Ireland and Irish Republic unsettled and windy with rain, heavy at times. Brighter with showers in northern and central Scotland later.

Tonight, N Scotland will have a few showers, S Scotland, N England, N Wales and N Ireland will have rain. Central and southern districts will have a fine cold night with fog patches.

☐ **London, SE, Cent S, E, SW, Cent N England, E Anglia, Midlands, Ch'l Is:** Early mist and fog should clear, then fine and sunny with scattered cloud. Cold start, soon warming up. Moderate SW wind. Max 21C (70F)

☐ **Wales, NW, NE England, Lakes, IoM:** Cloudy and breezy, a few bright spells. Intermittent light rain, especially in afternoon and evening. Fresh SW wind. Max 18C (64F)

☐ **Borders, E'burgh & D'dee:** Cloudy, rather windy. Occasional light rain but heavier rain later. Fresh to strong SW wind. Max 20C (68F)

☐ **Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** Cloudy, windy, light rain; brighter later, with a few showers. Fresh or strong SW wind. Max 19C (66F)

☐ **SW Scotland, G'gow, N Ireland:** Cloudy, windy. Some rain, possibly becoming heavy. Hill fog later. Fresh SW wind. Max 18C (64F)

☐ **Cent Highlands, NE Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland:** Windy with rain, sometimes heavy. Fog over hills. Brighter this afternoon, scattered sharp showers. Wind strong to gale SW. Max 17C (63F)

☐ **NW Scotland:** Windy at first with rain, sometimes heavy. Fog on hills. From midmorning, squally sharp showers, sunny intervals. Wind strong to gale SW. Max 17C (63F)

☐ **Republic of Ireland:** Cloudy, rain, heavy at times, but north drier later. Strong SW winds. Max 17C (63F)

☐ **Outlook:** Fine and warm in south tomorrow, windy and very wet in north. Cooler on Wed, with showers in south, but dry elsewhere.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b = bright; c = cloud; d = drizzle; ds = dust storm; du = dull; f = fair; fg = fog; g = gale; h = hail; r = rain; sh = shower; sl = sleet; sn = snow; s = sun; t = thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Anglesey	7.5	-	17	63	s	Leeds	6.1	0.01	16	61	c
Aspatria	1.4	0.01	15	59	sh	Lerwick	2.9	0.03	10	50	s
Aviemore	4.7	0.12	14	57	sh	Leuchars	6.7	0.01	18	64	sh
Belfast	4.9	0.01	17	63	sh	London	7.7	-	18	64	s
Birmingham	7.7	-	17	63	s	Lowestoft	10.0		19	66	s
Bognor R	9.1	-	19	66	s	Manchester	6.3	0.10	17	63	b
Bournem'th	10.5		19	66	s	Margate	10.3	-	19	66	s
Bristol	4.5		17	63	s	Minehead	5.0	0.01	18	64	s
Burton	2.9	0.21	15	59	s	Morecambe	5.1	0.02	16	61	sh
Cardiff	4.2	0.02	17	63	sh	Newcastle	5.7	-	16	61	h
Clacton	10.2	-	18	64	s	Newquay	7.1	-	17	63	s
Cleethorpes	8.4	-	17	63	s	Norwich	9.6	-	18	64	s
Colwyn Bay	5.4	0.01	18	64	s	Oxford	0.9	-	17	63	s
Cromer	9.5	0.01	17	63	s	Penzance	X		18	64	s
Dunbar	3.8	0.01	17	63	sh	Ross-o-wye	8.9		18	64	s
Eastbourne	10.8	0.01	19	64	s	Salcombe	10.3	-	18	64	s
Edinburgh	X					Saunton Snd	6.0	0.01	17	63	s
Eskdalemuir	2.3	0.13	13	55	sh	Scarboro'	6.3	0.01	15	59	s
Exmouth	9.0		18	64	s	Shrewsbury	6.0	-	17	63	b
Falmouth	9.8	-	19	66	s	Southend	8.5	-	18	64	s
Fishguard	4.9	0.01	16	61	sh	Southport	5.7	-	16	61	s
Folkestone	11.8		18	64	s	Southsea	8.9		19	66	s
Glasgow	1.9	0.25	15	59	sh	Stornoway	2.7	0.24	15	59	r
Guernsey	9.5	-	20	68	s	Swanage	10.8	-	18	64	s
Hastings	8.9		19	66	s	Teignmouth	10.4	-	19	66	s
Hayling I	10.5	-	19	66	s	Tenby	5.6	0.01	16	61	s
Herne Bay	9.8	-	18	64	s	Tiree	2.8	0.22	15	59	sh
Isle-of-man	6.1	-	16	61	s	Torquay	11.3	-	19	66	s
Jersey	9.7	-	20	68	s	Tynemouth	-	0.01	16	61	s
Kinloss	1.7	0.07	15	59	sh	Weymouth	10.6	-	17	63	s

ABROAD

Ajaccio	24	75	f	C'phagn	15	59	f	Malaga	31	88	s	S Paulo	21	70	c
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Dublin	16	61	f	Malta	31	88	f	Salzburg	15	59	s
Alex'dria	35	95	f	Dubrovnik	25	77	f	Melb'rne	13	55	d	Santiago	13	55	s
Algiers	X			Faro	25	77	f	Mexico C	22	72	f	Seoul	25	77	s
Amst'dm	17	63	f	Florence	23	73	f	Miami	31	88	s	Sing'por	31	88	c
Athens	29	84	s	Frankfurt	16	61	f	Milan	21	70	f	St'kholm	12	54	f
B Aires	19	66	s	Funchal	24	75	s	Montreal	19	66	f	Strasb'rg	17	63	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Geneva	17	63	s	Moscow	19	66	s	Sydney	21	70	s
Bangkok	33	91	t	Gibraltar	25	77	f	Munich	15	59	f	Tangier	27	81	f
Barbados	26	79	r	Helsinki	13	55	r	N Delhi	33	91	f	Tel Aviv	32	90	s
Barcelona	22	72	c	Hong K	30	86	f	N York	25	77	s	Tenerife	30	86	s
Beirut	28	82	s	Innsbrck	15	59	f	Nairobi	23	73	c	Tokyo	24	75	c
Belgrade	17	63	f	Istanbul	24	75	s	Naples	25	77	f	Toronto	20	68	c
Berlin	15	59	c	Jeddah	35	95	s	Nice	26	79	s	Tunis	33	91	s
Bermuda	27	81	s	Jo'burg	15	59	f	Oslo	15	59	f	Valencia	26	79	f
Biarritz	20	68	s	Karachi	X			Paris	17	63	s	Vanc'ver	17	63	f
Bordx	19	66	f	L Angels	24	75	s	Peking	23	73	f	Venice	19	66	f
Brussels	17	63	f	L Palmas	25	77	s	Perth	18	64	f	Vienna	17	63	s
Budapest	18	64	f	Le Touqt	17	63	f	Prague	15	59	f	Warsaw	15	59	s
Cairo	32	90	s	Lisbon	27	81	s	Reykjavik	7	45	f	Wash'ton	X		
Cape Tn	33	91	s	Locarno	24	75	s	Rhodes	26	79	s	Wel'ngton	12	54	X
Ch'church	14	57	X	Luxembg	15	59	f	Rio de J	34	93	s	Zurich	16	61	s
Chicago	24	75	f	Luxor	38	100	s	Riyadh	40	104	s				
Cologne	16	61	f	Madrid	24	75	f	Rome	23	73	f				
Corfu	29	84	s	Majorca	26	79	f	S Fr'isco	19	66	s				

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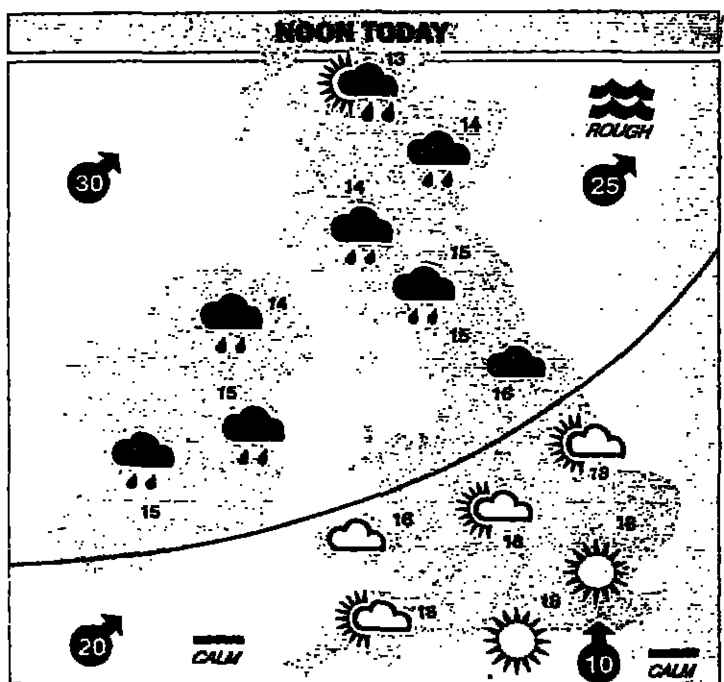

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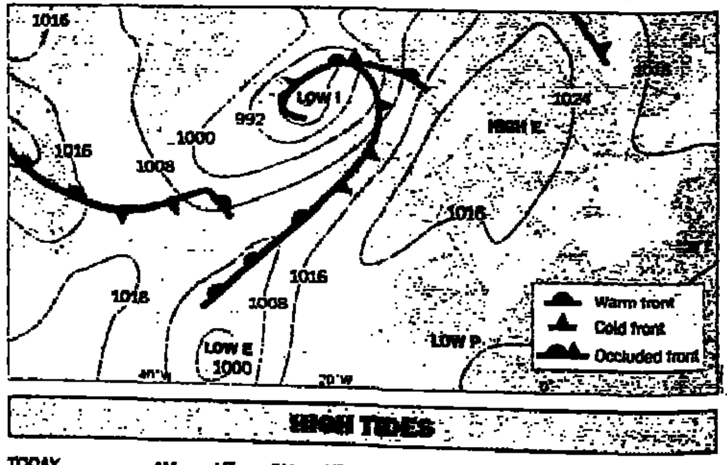

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Aberdeen	00.27	4.2	13.06	4.3	Liverpool	10.45	9.2	23.06	9.7
Avonmouth	06.35	12.8	19.03	13.5	Lowestoft	08.39	2.5	21.28	2.5
Belfast	10.27	3.3	22.45	3.5	Margate	11.21	4.7	-	-
Cardiff	06.21	11.8	18.49	12.5	Milford Haven	05.36	6.8	18.00	7.1
Devonport	05.06	5.2	17.27	5.6	Newquay	04.30	6.6	16.54	7.1
Dover	10.30	6.6	22.51	6.7	Oban	05.27	3.7	17.45	4.1
Dublin (N Wall)	11.15	4.0	23.23	4.3	Penzance	04.00	5.2	16.23	5.6
Falmouth	04.37	5.0	16.58	5.4	Portland	06.22	1.9	18.38	2.1
Greenock	-	-	12.04	3.3	Portsmouth	10.57	4.7	23.09	4.7
Harwich	11.18	3.9	23.51	4.2	Shoreham	10.41	6.2	23.02	6.4
Holyhead	09.54	5.4	22.08	5.8	Southampton	10.16	4.6	22.35	4.7
Hull (Albert D)	05.36	8.3	18.16	8.5	Swansea	05.48	9.1	18.12	9.7
Ilfracombe	05.24	8.8	17.48	9.3	Tees	02.53	5.2	15.30	5.3
King's Lynn	05.40	6.5	18.22	6.6	Walton-on-N	11.12	4.1	23.43	4.3

All times BST. Heights in metres

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 20C (68F); **lowest day max:** Sella Ness, Highland, 9C (48F); **highest rainfall:** South Uist, Hebrides 0.51in; **highest sunshine:** Folkestone, Kent, 11.8hr.

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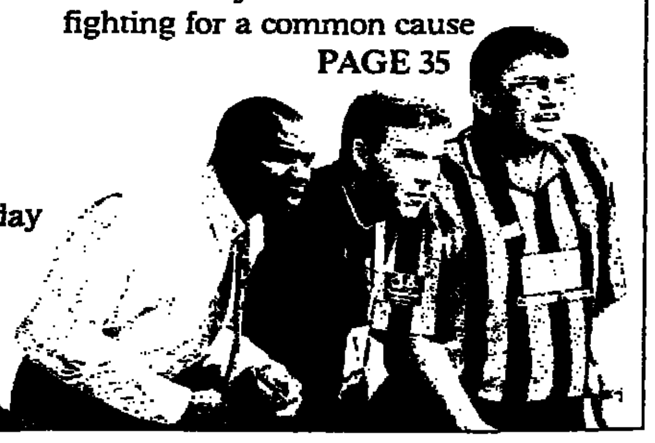

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Leeds bar Rovers' return to top

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Gallacher (8)	Wallace (3, 11)
Sutton (16, pen)	Molenaar (6)
Dahlin (33)	Hopkin (23)

Attendance: 21,956

By Oliver Holt
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THERE is something about Ewood Park this season that seems to spread a wonderful sort of defensive anarchy through its combatants. On their last appearance here, Blackburn Rovers crushed Sheffield Wednesday 7-2 to establish themselves at the top of the FA Carling Premiership. Yesterday, though, they lost their chance to regain the leadership assumed by Manchester United on Saturday when they were undone by 45 minutes of first-half madness of their own.

Leeds United, renowned as the most parsimonious of teams, might be unlikely partners for a seven-goal thriller but they played their part to the full yesterday. They went 2-0 up in the first six minutes, conceded two more before the game was a quarter of an hour old, then scored two more by the time the half reached its midway point. George Graham, the Leeds manager, and one of the game's defensive sticklers, admitted afterwards it had all sent a shiver down his spine.

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To add to the general sense of chaos, the referee, Steve Dunn, booked seven players, six of them from Leeds, sent off the visitors' left-sided midfield player, Harry Kewell, in the 78th minute for the second of two trifling offences and ignored two penalty claims by Blackburn that even Graham admitted he thought appeared to be valid.

"We came as close to winning as it is possible to do when you concede four goals," Roy Hodgson, the Blackburn manager, said. "But we played very well, we scored three and we are still second in the table. You have got to look at the positives."

Graham, predictably, had taken rather different messages from the goal glut. "We have lost the art of defending in this country," he said. "There is a lack of good defenders in the games I have watched so far. There is lot of hype about how great all these goals are. It might be great if you are a forward but it does not say much for the standard of defences."

The scoring had started in the third minute after Dahlin lost the ball in midfield and Hopkin hit a long ball towards Kewell on the left wing. With a deft touch, Kewell eluded the challenge of Valery and hit a high cross to the far post where Kelly rose above Hendry and directed a downwards header towards goal. Flowers could not hold it and when it spilled from his hands, Wallace poked it over the line.

Three minutes later, Leeds' second attack led to a corner. Kelly drove it in from the right and when it eluded two Blackburn defenders, it dropped to Molenaar, who volleyed it almost casually into the top corner of the net. "Ooh-aah Molenaar," the Leeds supporters sang through their happy disbelief. It was too good to last, though.

A minute later, Molenaar fell from grace. Back in his central defensive role, the Dutchman met an innocuous deep ball hit hopefully towards the Leeds penalty area with a weak defensive header. It fell to Gallacher and the Blackburn forward took it on his chest and lashed a fierce drive past Martyn from 25 yards out.

After what amounted to a hiatus in a game like this, an eight-minute spell punctuated only by a shot from Dahlin that thudded into the pit of Martyn's stomach, Blackburn grabbed an equaliser. Dahlin took the ball with his back to goal and wriggled past Molenaar who brought him down as he headed towards the byline. Sutton smashed the resulting penalty into the net for his seventh goal of the season.

With parity restored, Blackburn could have been forgiven for thinking that they had regained the initiative but, in the seventeenth minute, Kewell, a fine left-sided midfield player from Australia, who will be 19 next week, went on a mazy dribble down the left flank before slipping a pass to Wallace. Wallace ran across the edge of the area and fired his right-foot shot unerringly into the roof of the Blackburn net.

Still, the two teams refused to let the frantic pace of the game let up. In the eighteenth minute, Dahlin was denied what looked like a clear penalty when he was brought down from behind by Halle. To emphasise his disgust and make his point he flung his boot, which had been ripped off his foot, down on to the floor.

By the time he pulled it back on, Leeds were claiming a penalty of their own at the other end. Wallace outpaced Hendry down the right and as he shaped to shoot, Hendry lunged at him and did not appear to make any contact with ball as he brought him down. The referee awarded a corner.

Five minutes after that, though, a flick from Wallace in the centre circle started Hasselbaink off on a jinking run down the left. He held off the Blackburn defenders as they were drawn towards him and then slid a ball across the edge of the area to Hopkin who was unmarked and with space aplenty. Hopkin steadied himself and fired his right-foot shot across Flowers and into the bottom right-hand corner of the goal.

In the thirtieth minute, Blackburn were denied another penalty when Molenaar, who was becoming increasingly rash and ragged and was booked for the last in a long line of fouls on Sutton, blatantly pushed Dahlin as he chased a bouncing ball. Again, the referee waved play on.

Three minutes later, though, Blackburn gained some measure of compensation when Bohinen hooked a low ball into the area and Dahlin turned Molenaar and hit a left-foot shot across Martyn and into the far corner.

After that, the second half was a desert of chances by comparison. Only Gallacher, who sidefooted Flitcroft's volleyed centre into the side-netting in the 78th minute came close to grabbing an equaliser. The damage had already been done.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): T Flowers — P Valery (sub: A Andersson, 82min), S Henchoz, C Hendry, J Kenna — K Gallacher, G Flitcroft, L Bohinen (sub: T Sherwood, 71), J Wilcox (sub: D Duff, 71) — C Sutton, M Dahlin.

LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2): N Martyn — G Halle, R Molenaar (sub: A Ribeiro, 46), D Wetherall, D Robertson — G Kelly, D Hopkin, L Radebe, H Kewell — R Wallace, J Hasselbaink (sub: D Lilley, 80)

Referee: S Dunn.

Molenaar, left, and Halle combine to bring down Dahlin at Ewood Park yesterday, but the Blackburn striker's appeals for a penalty go unheeded. Photograph: Neal Simpson

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TENNIS

Henman is lifted by second Tour victory

By Alix Ramsay

FROM Uzbekistan to Dorset, the story of the rise and rise of British tennis is making people take notice. Yesterday Tim Henman won his second title of the year, and of his career, beating Marc Rosset 7-6, 6-4 *in the final of the* President's Cup in Tashkent, while Bournemouth was still talking about Greg Rusedski's promotion to the *world's* top ten, despite losing in the semifinals of the Samsung Open.

Henman's win vindicated his decision to turn his back on the event in Bournemouth and avoid the slow clay that does little for *his ranking* or his confidence. After the disappointment of his second round *loss in the* US Open, a week of victories in Asia was just what the doctor, or at east his coach, David Felgate, ordered. "We discussed it before the US Open and decided then that, if Tim didn't do well in New York, *we would come here,"* Felgate said. "It turned out better than we expected."

It also made up for Henman's loss to Rosset in a final in Antwerp earlier in the year. Broken in the opening game, *Henman was* struggling and within a point of going 3-0 down. He managed to hold on and then made the most of a couple of double faults from the tall Swiss to *level at 2-2. At 2-2 in the* tiebreak, Henman won five consecutive points to take the set.

His confidence rising, he was always threatening the Rosset service in the second set, making the breakthrough for a 3-2 lead. From there, he held Rosset at bay to take the winner's cheque of $54,000 (around £33,750).

If *there* was a downside, it was that Henman's ranking will remain at No 20 when the *new* list is issued today. "It's a shame he has not moved up in the rankings," Felgate said, "but he's attached himself to the group [top 20] and Hanover and the ATP Tour finals are still a target for us."

Ten places up the ladder, Rusedski is considerably closer to reaching the ATP Tour finals, in Hanover — the event for the top eight men in the world — despite losing to Carlos Moyà 6-2, 6-2 in *Bournemouth on Saturday.* It was no more than he expected. With his goal for the week achieved by Friday morning, when he knew that he would be ranked in the top ten, there was nothing left when he faced *the top seed.*

Not that Rusedski was too worried *about* the *loss.* He *was pleased* to have been able to compete at all. He is now aiming for a few days off after *spending the past seven weeks* on the road. He will go to Munich next week to play in the Grand Slam Cup, which will *increase* his bank balance, even if it does nothing for his ranking. "Financially, it's *good but there are no ranking* points involved and any player would rather reach Hanover than Munich," Rusedski said.

"If I do well, great, if not I won't be too disappointed. The indoor circuit is more important to me. It will be good to get back on the fast surface again. That way, when I serve an ace it doesn't come back at me with slice."

There was a fair amount of that yesterday in Bournemouth as Felix Mantilla won his fifth title of the year 6-2, 6-2 against Moyà. While Britain is revelling in the combined achievements of Henman and Rusedski, Spain is continuing to take the world rankings by storm. They have 15 men in the top 100 and the match yesterday was the sixth time this year that two Spaniards have faced each other in a final. In the past 18 months, 21 ATP Tour titles have gone to Spain.

In the end, *Mantilla* was simply too strong for his more highly-ranked friend. Training partners at the national centre in Barcelona and regular practice partners, the two know each other's games *in*side out and, once the winner's spoils had been allocated — $54,000 to Mantilla and $31,830 to Moyà — there were few hard feelings. "You know where he's good and where he's weak," Moyà said. "He was too good today."

SHAMIL SZHUMATOV

Henman dons Uzbek national dress as he accepts the President's Cup after his victory yesterday

GOLF: AMERICAN RYDER CUP PLAYER EMULATES HOUDINI AS HE LEAVES EUROPE'S BEST TRAILING IN HIS WAKE

O'Meara escapes penalty for careless driving

Taylor Made

O'Meara: winner by one shot from Sandelin

From Mel Webb
at Saint-Nom-la-Bretèche

THREE times Mark O'Meara threw himself headlong into jail while playing the last three holes of the Lancôme Trophy here yesterday. Each time he should have punished for his crimes, *but each time he was* reprieved, wriggling past the guards and under the fence to win the tournament with a total of 271, 13 under par.

O'Meara was one of two expensive visitors from the US PGA *Tour to the outskirts of* Versailles — the other was Greg Norman, who tied with Peter O'Malley for third place, two strokes behind — so the sponsors could not claim that they did not get their money's worth.

Even if he had not gone on to complete a one-stroke victory over Jarmo Sandelin, who had emerged from the pack on the last two days to set a challenging target of 12 under par, O'Meara would still have given the designer-chic folk who form the galleries at this tournament enough entertainment to have lasted them *un mois entier rempli de dimanches.*

With Sandelin, playing two groups ahead, producing all sort of heroics to complete his last 36 holes in ten under par, O'Meara should, by all that is *right and proper,* have remained at no better than 12 under par after making an almighty mess of his drive on the par-five 16th, casting it into trees on the left.

He had almost no shot, but *still managed to find one with* his six-iron, squirting the ball out on to the fairway. He was still 108 yards from the hole with a bogey looming; instead, *outrageously, he pitched to 12* feet and holed the putt for the unlikeliest birdie he will ever make.

So, 13 under and a shot ahead, he could breathe again, but his drive on the 17th might *have induced another respiratory* interruption as he again hooked his ball into the timber. Surely he could not escape this time. He could.

Again he found a gap, again he punched the ball through it with a six-iron and hit a pitching-wedge from 110 yards.

Although the ball did not bite as it should have, he made *the putt from 25 feet to save* par. Still 13 under, still holding the gallant Sandelin at bay: but was this really the time for conjuring tricks?

O'Meara admitted afterwards that he had not been at the top of his game all week, but the one component he did keep well-oiled was his short game.

It was just as well for him that he did, because on the last he again pulled his tee-shot and came up just short of the grandstand to the left of the green. Sandelin, out of sight but not out of mind, could not look.

If O'Meara had had to play the ball from where it lay, he would have had little chance of salvaging his par. However, with the stand impeding his backswing, he moved to the dropping zone and chipped *perfectly to eight inches. High* fives were exchanged with his caddie, followed by the completion of formalities for a 69.

Six of Europe's Ryder Cup team made the cut here and the best the home side could offer was Lee Westwood, tied for eighth, six strokes behind, and Bernhard Langer, equal thirteenth a further two astern. It was suggested to O'Meara that his victory would give his team-mates a fillip for Valderrama, but he would have none of it.

"It's a great boost for my confidence and, of course, the rest of the team will be pleased, but I don't think it is any great psychological blow for us," he said.

Maybe so; but it most assuredly beats the skin off losing.

LEADING FINAL SCORES

Great Britain and Ireland unless stated

271: M O'Meara (US) 69, 67, 66, 69. 272: J Sandelin (Swe) 70, 70, 65, 67 273: P O'Malley (Aus) 65, 68, 68, 72; G Norman (Aus) 67, 68, 66, 72 276: P Sjoland (Swe) 75, 66, 69, 66. E Romero (Arg) 68, 68, 68, 72, S Strüver (Ger) 71, 65, 68, 72 277: L Westwood 68, 68, 74, 67, D Gilford 69, 68, 73, 67: P Lawrie 68, 71, 70, 68. 278: R Muntz (Holl) 72, 70, 69, 67, S Grappasonni (It) 66, 69, 72, 71 279: J Coceres (Arg) 67, 74, 70, 68: P Affleck 67, 72, 71, 69, R Goosen (SA) 70, 67, 73, 69: P Price 69, 68, 71, 71, B Langer (Ger) 72, 65, 67, 75 280: F Tarnaud (Fr) 69, 70, 73, 68; S Ames (Trin) 69, 70, 71, 70; M Gates 73, 69, 68, 70; P-U Johansson (Swe) 71, 68, 69, 72. 281: R Rafferty 69, 73, 72, 67; J Lomas 69, 70, 74, 68; C Montgomerie 71; 72, 69, 69; R Davis (Aus) 71, 71, 68, 71; A Oldcorn 71, 66, 70, 74. 282: P Mitchell 69, 69, 74, 70; M A Jiménez (Sp) 70, 71, 70, 71, P Hedblom (Swe) 71, 68, 71, 72, A Johnstone (Zim) 67, 65, 76, 74; M Gronberg (Swe) 74, 67, 67, 74 283: G Turner (NZ) 69, 71, 72, 71; R Russell 69, 71, 71, 72; I Pyman 72, 68, 70, 73; A Hunter 68, 69, 71, 75

Martin stays at war

THE Ryder Cup war being waged by Miguel Angel Martin seemingly against anybody and everybody involved in the organisation of the Europe Ryder Cup team rumbles on (Mel Webb writes).

Martin is seeking financial compensation from the Ryder Cup committee for what he regards as his peremptory and premature dismissal from the Europe team after his refusal to play a round at *Valderrama* on September 3 to test his recovery from a wrist injury.

He damaged the wrist *when playing in the Gulf*stream Loch Lomond World Invitational the week before the Open Championship. He has not played a competitive round since missing the cut at the Open and has been recovering from surgery.

Ken Schofield, the executive director of the PGA European Tour, said that lawyers from both sides had had a two-hour meeting on Thursday. "Our team had *thought that the matter had* been concluded, but Miguel's advisers contacted us later to re-open negotiations," he said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Doohan beats record with Spanish win

MICK DOOHAN, of Australia, continued *his* record-breaking 500cc motorcycling season when he won the Catalunya Grand Prix in Montmelo, Spain, yesterday. Doohan's win gave him 12 victories *this season,* beating Giacomo Agostini's record of 11 wins in the 1968 season. However, Doohan was made to work all the way by two local riders, Carlos Checa and *Alex Criville.*

Four laps from the end of the race, Doohan managed to squeeze his Honda in *front* and win his first Catalunya Grand *Prix. "It's good to finally* win here, but there were *moments* when I didn't think I was going to do it, with the two Spanish guys pushing so hard," he said. "I made one *mistake in the closing laps,* when my foot slipped off the pedal, but I got away with it." In the 250cc race, Ralf Waldmannof, of Germany, went back on top of the *championship* when he overtook Max Biaggi in the dying seconds to win. Tohru Ukawa, of Japan, was third.

Hansen cashes in

ATHLETICS: Ashia Hansen, of Essex Ladies, set a Com*mon*wealth record and extended her British record by 21 centimetres when she won the triple jump at the IAAF grand prix final in Fukuoka, Japan, on Saturday. Hansen, 25, jumped 15.15 metres to claim the first prize of £31,000. Wilson Kipketer, of Denmark, won *the 800 metres in 1min* 42.98sec, a victory that gave the world record-holder the overall grand prix title, awarded to the athlete who earns the *most points* over the season. Astrid Kumbernuss, of Germany, won the women's overall title when she won the shot with a throw of 20.95 metres.

England retain title

BOWLS: An early defeat for the rink skipped by Robert Newman, the national indoor singles champion, proved to be the only hiccup on a triumphant weekend for England's junior bowlers, who retained the British under-25 team title at Llandrindod Wells yesterday. After losing to Kevin Harper, of Scotland, on Saturday, Newman improved against Wales and Ireland as England won 15 of their 18 rink matches, *drew two and returned a surplus of 103 shots.*

East Grinstead triumph

HOCKEY: East Grinstead retained the Hampstead and Westminster Challenge Trophy at Paddington recreation *ground yesterday* after fighting off *a spirited* challenge by Hounslow for a 3-1 victory in the final. Bhatti and Welsh, from a short corner, gave East Grinstead a 2-0 lead that was reduced in the second *half* by Gillman. Ortleib made the match safe for East Grinstead in the last minute. Surbiton beat Brooklands 4-2 in the play-off for third place.

Sheehan sets the pace

GOLF: Patty Sheehan scored a 65 to take a two-shot lead over Annika Sorenstam, of Sweden, after the third round of the LPGA Safeco Classic in Kent, Washington. The American was on 202, 14-under-par. Sorenstam, the leading money-winner on the LPGA Tour, went round in 66 to move to 12 under, one stroke ahead of Karrie Webb, the defending champion, from Australia, who *had* a 71. Dale Reid, of *Scotland, shot a 68 to move to 207.*

India triumph

CRICKET: Abey Kuruvilla claimed two early wickets, including that of Ramiz Raja, *the* Pakistan captain, for one, as India bowled out Pakistan for 188 to claim a 20-run victory in the first of five matches for the Sahara Cup in Toronto. Sachin Tendulkar was India's highest scorer and *won the man-of-the-match* award *for scoring* 52 *before being* stumped off Saqlain in front of a crowd of 3,000.

Majestic MacKenzie

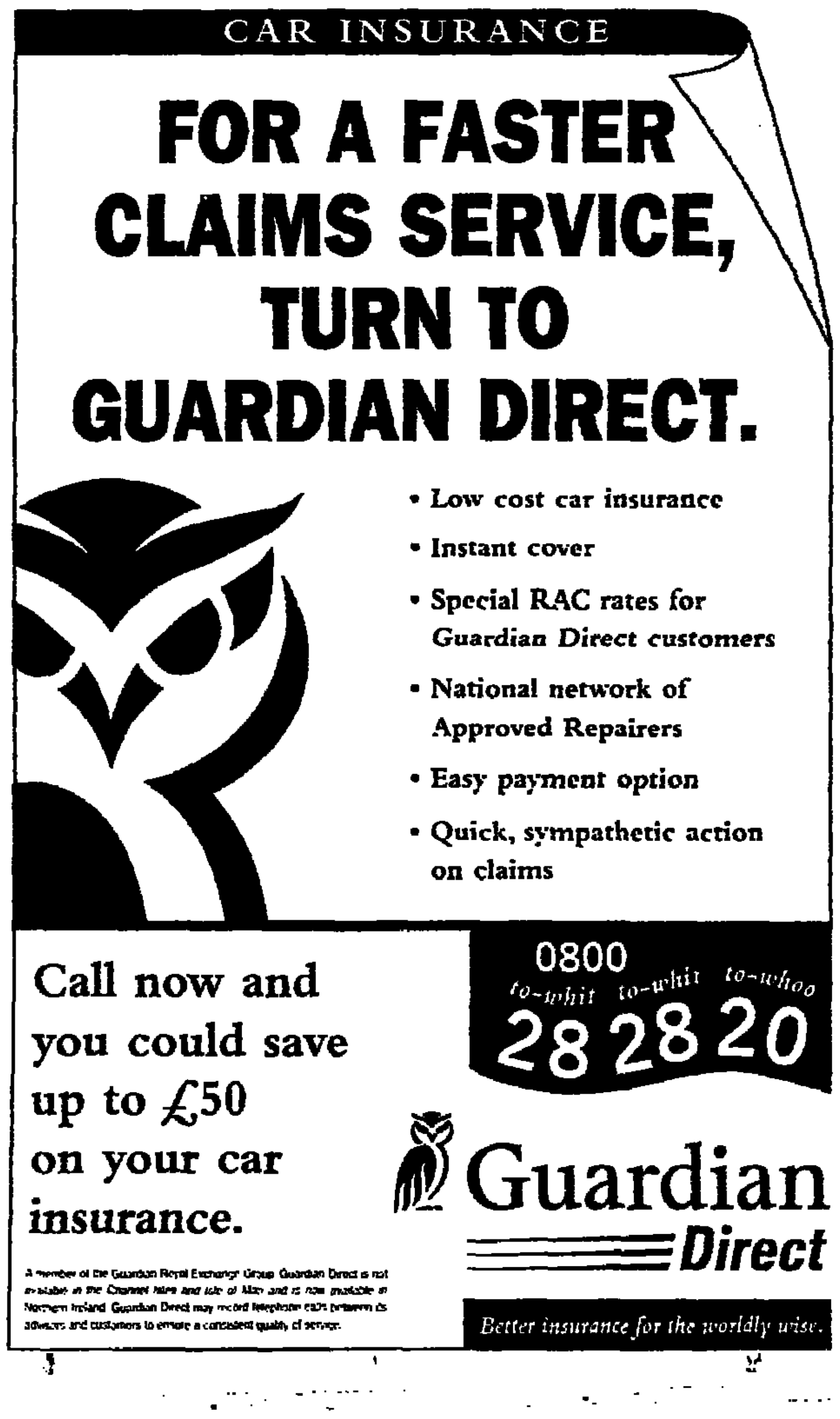
MOTORCYCLING: Niall MacKenzie shrugged off the pain of a *broken* wrist to win *his second successive* British Superbike championship at Brands Hatch yesterday. MacKenzie won both races, while his only challenger for the title, Chris Walker, crashed on the final corner of the first race. Walker led for most of the second race, only for MacKenzie to overtake him with two laps to go.

Australian hat-trick

DUATHLON: *Andy Pearce, from* Bingley, and *Fiona Lothian,* from East Fife, *finished ninth and tenth in the* world championships at Gernika, Spain. Jonathan Hall, of Australia, won the men's individual title by more than two minutes and, Irma Herren, of Holland, won the women's championship. Australia won both the men's and women's team events.

Dominant display

ORIENTEERING: England retained the home countries international trophy at Collingford, Ireland, yesterday, having won both the individual competition on Saturday *and the relays* yesterday to beat Scotland into second place. Dan Marston, of Scotland, won the men's open event, ahead of John Feehan, of Ireland, while Alice Bedwell, of Wales, was the women's open winner.



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RUGBY LEAGUE

Sheffield hold whip hand over Broncos

London Broncos 16
Sheffield Eagles 58

By Our Sports Staff

LONDON Broncos produced their worst performance of the season and suffered a humiliating defeat at home to Sheffield Eagles in the Stones Premiership quarter-finals yesterday. Sheffield handled the ball superbly, tackled strongly and quelled the Broncos with pace and fine passing, especially on the flanks.

Sheffield served notice of their intentions as early as the second minute, when Keith Senior touched down in the corner after Martin Offiah had been pushed ten metres into his in-goal area and London were forced to drop out between the posts. Indeed, nothing much went the home side's way in the first half and, when they did score, Shaun Edwards injured his knee touching down.

Edwards went off, Robbie Beazley moved to scrum half and London kept the half-time deficit to 26-10 when Beazley scored. In the second half, though, Sheffield raced clear with five more tries and Mark Aston took his total of goals to 11. London's demoralising day was completed when Beazley was sent off in the 78th minute for punching.

Sheffield's form will give them encouragement for the semi-finals, where they could be joined by Wigan Warriors, who have won the Premiership trophy for the past three years and who meet Leeds Rhinos tonight at Central Park knowing it is their last chance to take a trophy this season.

SCORERS: London Broncos: Tries: Beazley, Edwards. Goals: [illegible]. Sheffield Eagles: Tries: [illegible]. Goals: Aston (11).
LONDON BRONCOS: [illegible]
SHEFFIELD EAGLES: [illegible]
Referee: S Presley (Castleford).

BASKETBALL

Brandon makes a bad start

By Nicholas Harling

JIM BRANDON captured the Budweiser League championship in his first *season* with Sheffield Sharks, but if the respected American coach is to repeat the feat with Manchester Giants, his new club will have to recover from an inauspicious start.

The Giants' 77-76 home defeat by Thames Valley Tigers in front of an impressive 10,201 crowd in the Nynex Arena was the big surprise of the opening day. Under Brandon, who has succeeded Joe Whelton, the Giants had trailed for much of the game before a third quarter burst of 11-0 put them in control.

Michael Brown hit two three-pointers during that spell, *but it was* when the guard had the chance of making the game safe — with his team up by 76-74 — that his nerve failed him. With ten seconds left, Brown wasted two free throws and was aghast to see Casey Arena dribble the ball down court and supply Tony Holley with the chance of shooting the winning three-pointer.

"It rattled all round the rim before it went in," Michael Hayles, the Tigers' assistant player-coach, said. Hayles has stepped up in the reshuffle that led to Paul James filling the coaching vacancy left by Mick Bett.

Arena and Holley collected 16 points apiece behind the Tigers' top scorer, Jason Siemon, whose 23 points was the same as that managed by Brett Speight on his debut for Crystal Palace. With an interval lead of 36-31 against London Towers, Palace threatened an upset of even greater proportions than that managed by Tigers. They eventually succumbed 79-75 only after Speight had made such a nuisance of himself that he was elbowed in the face by Marco Baldi, one of the Towers' newcomers.

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EQUESTRIANISM: CLEAR ROUND ENABLES GREAT BRITAIN TO RETAIN EUROPEAN THREE-DAY EVENT CROWN AFTER DRAMATIC DAY AT BURGHLEY

Fox-Pitt's flawless finale earns team title

BY JENNY MACARTHUR

A FAULTLESS final showjumping round from William Fox-Pitt on Cosmopolitan, the winners of the individual bronze medal, enabled the Great Britain three-day event team to retain its overnight lead and win the Burghley Pedigree Chum Open European championships yesterday by 12.4 points from New Zealand.

The success, sorely needed after the disappointing showing at the Olympic Games last year, was Britain's second in succession at these championships and the fifteenth since they started in 1953. The four riders — Fox-Pitt, Mary King, on Star Appeal, Ian Stark, on Arakai, and Christopher Bartle, on Word Perfect — drew prolonged applause from the packed arena. "It's just a relief to have proved that we are still able to beat the rest of the world," Fox-Pitt said.

DETAILS

BURGHLEY PEDIGREE CHUM OPEN EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS. 1, Great Britain 160.20pts. 2, New Zealand 172.60. 3, Sweden 214.40. 4, France 270.5, United States 270.60. 6, Germany 284.20. Individual: 1, Broadcast News (M Todd, NZ) 44.20. 2, Watermill Stream (B Overesch-Boker, Ger) 44.60. 3, Cosmopolitan II (W Fox-Pitt, GB) 45.20. 4, Ready Teddy (B Tait, NZ) 50.60. 5, Bounce (V Jeffers, NZ) 53.80. 6, General Jock (K Gifford, GB) 55.0. European medal table: 1, Great Britain. 2, Sweden. 3, France. Individual: 1, Watermill Stream. 2, Cosmopolitan II. 3, General Jock.

Mark Todd, whose outstanding cross-country round on Broadcast News was one of the highlights of the event, won the individual title. It was the New Zealander's first individual medal in any championship event since 1988, the year he won the second of his two Olympic golds. Despite joking that he and his 14-year-old horse were in "the twilight" of their career, few who witnessed his performance this weekend gave that any credence.

Bettina Overesch-Boker, of Germany, whose polished showjumping round reflected the training that she has received from Franke Sloothaak, the world showjumping champion, took the individual silver medal on her English thoroughbred, Watermill Stream, after finishing 0.4 points behind Todd. Based with the Australian rider, Andrew Hoy, at Gatcombe Park, Overesch-Boker, a regular member of the Germany team since 1983, also becomes the European champion.

The tension grew yesterday even before the final showjumping phase. The cross-country on Saturday had featured a demanding course. Although 40 of the 77 starters had no jumping faults and 11 were clear inside the time, it inevitably produced some sore horses for the final morning inspection.

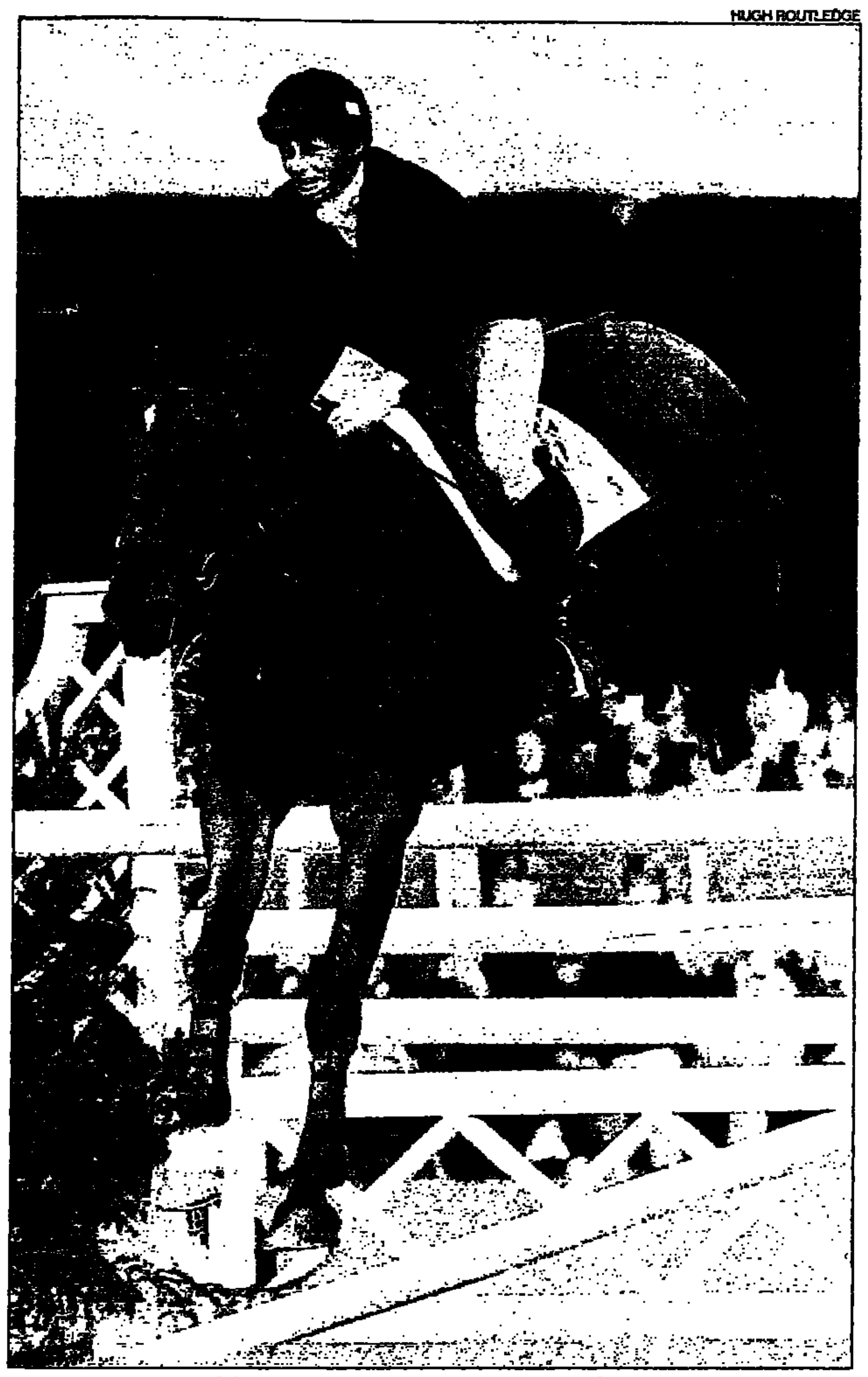
Australia, the Olympic champions and lying third overnight, had to withdraw after losing two members. Hoy's Darien Powers, sixth overnight, was not presented, and Phillip Dutton's Sky's Prospect did not pass. Britain supporters then held their breath when Cosmopolitan had to trot up twice before being passed. Had he failed, Bartle's high score would have been counted and Britain would have dropped to third.

New Zealand were less fortunate. Andrew Nicholson's Dawdle was not presented, which meant that they had to include the higher score of their fourth team member, Sally Clark. This gave Britain a 32.4-point lead at the start of the showjumping, the equivalent of six fences. Sweden moved into third place, ahead of the United States and France.

However, having dominated the dressage and cross-country phases, Britain began to look vulnerable. King and Star Appeal, faultless pathfinders on Saturday, incurred ten penalties. Ian Stark and Arakai, also faultless across country, followed suit. New Zealand, meanwhile, produced three clear rounds, from Blyth Tait, on Ready Teddy, Clark and Todd.

Fox-Pitt, who had saved the day on Saturday with his superb clear round, found himself once again in the hot seat. The last to go, he knew that he could not afford to have more than two fences down, but Cosmopolitan, a ten-year-old owned jointly by Anne Andrews and Fox-Pitt's sponsors is not without a sense of occasion. Responding to his rider's assured touch, he jumped faultlessly round the 12-fence course to be greeted with a deafening roar as he landed safely over the last.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



King, a member of the victorious Great Britain team, goes for gold on Star Appeal

Courses built to terrify without adding to risk

SIMON BARNES

At Burghley

It is a sour feeling deep in your gut and everyone who has anything to do with horses knows it. It is something to do with fear, which is a totally inadmissable concept. We don't talk about it, still less think about it. So it manifests itself as this clutching, skeletal hand in the viscera.

I felt this familiar creature more than once as I walked the cross-country course for the Open European championship at Burghley. Vicariously, needless to say. This was a frightening course: it had been designed to frighten.

But then the redoubled grip of the hand in the gut: Claire Smith, a Canadian rider, had been injured in a fall. She had been taken to hospital by helicopter with cranial and spinal injuries. It followed the death the previous week at Blenheim of the Irish rider, Sam Moore. He was killed when his horse fell on top of him. At least yesterday there were encouraging signs that Smith would make a recovery.

I had felt the clutch of fear when I inspected the fence where Smith fell: fence three, the leaf pit log. It looked just a little bit like a jump off the edge of the world: a very hard question to ask so early in the course, before a horse has come to terms with what he is about. There was an easier, more time-consuming route at this fence, exactly as there should be on a decent course.

Ian Stark, the British rider, said that clearing fence three — the direct way — was, as it were, the breaking of the sound barrier. Horse and rider grew and blossomed in the exhilaration of the subsequent challenges once this steep leap into nothing had been completed.

There was an awed and relieved feeling from riders afterwards. Some said they felt that at times "Mike had got a bit carried away", this being Mike Tucker, the course designer. And this particular fence, followed by a precipitous descent into the leaf pit itself, followed by a climb and a truly horrid fence at the top, one that was all air, in dapple shade, made for a course that would give Centaur a touch of the skeletal hand.

Tucker himself wrote in the programme, after describing four, five and six: "It is against my better judgment to present these questions so early in the course and therefore make it more difficult to create a good rhythm, but this is a championship."

Colonel Frank Weldon, former course designer at Badminton, said that it was a task of a course designer to frighten the life out of the riders while bringing the horses round safely. And indeed, Tucker succeeded in bringing horse after horse round safely; competitors representing Jamaica and Bermuda both got round without faults.

There is no macho element in this sport, no hint of "I'll jump anything and those who can't take it should get out of the kitchen". The people involved think too much about their horses for such a thing to be a possibility. Besides, in pure sporting terms, if you cannot present a fit, sound and healthy horse the morning after your cross-country round, you are disqualified and cannot take part in the showjumping that decides the final placings. Also, the sport tests a relationship between horse and rider that normally takes years to establish. To knacker your horse is to lose a massive investment time. Even in purely sporting terms, macho does not pay.

But the fact is that this is a very dangerous sport. All the horsey sports are: dressage also injures and kills. Technology, in the form of proper head gear and body protectors, certainly helps, but anyone who swings a leg over a horse knows that this is not a sensible option in life. There are people addicted to risk, adrenalin junkies. You don't find many of these in the horse world. Horsey people tend to be addicted to horses. The risk is there, unavoidable, and each chooses his or her level of risk.

It is a terrible job, to be a course designer, a truly frightening responsibility. Until the event begins, no one knows how a course will ride, how a fence will jump. The ideal course, which is mind-bogglingly terrifying and perfectly safe, is something to which all course designers aspire, knowing that it is forever unattainable.

I would not blame the course designer for the injury, still less the sport itself. The coincidence of the death at Blenheim, followed by this terrible fall at Burghley, is the stuff of nightmare. The way forward is not to be gung-ho, nor to be apologetic. The sport must learn from every accident, and strive to make every course still more safe, still more frightening.

At Lion Bridge, I watched Stark take the direct route over the log and the long, steep drop into the water, a left-hand turn, to jump over a floating boat. Patting and patting the hard neck of his young beast, Arakai, perhaps the best even he has ever ridden, a shark-like grin on his face — fierce exhilaration, fierce concentration, ferocious joy.

> 'The coincidence of the death at Blenheim followed by this fall is the stuff of nightmare'

BOXING

McCreesh earns world title chance near home

GEOFF McCREESH, the British welterweight champion, will be given a chance to challenge for a world title (Srikumar Sen writes). After his successful defence on Saturday in London — when he stopped Paul Ryan, of Hackney, in two rounds — Frank Warren, the promoter, said McCreesh would be meeting the winner of the World Boxing Organisation title bout between Michael Löwe, of Germany, and Michael Carruth, of Ireland, which takes place in Aachen next Saturday.

Warren was hoping to put on McCreesh's challenge before the end of the year, but as the boxer is getting married in November in Antigua, the contest will take place in January or February, possibly in the North East. McCreesh lives in Bracknell but comes from Stockton-on-Tees. "He's a good fighter if his connections can keep him focused — and he sells tickets," Warren said. "They are telling me to take the fight up to Teesside."

Outside the ring, McCreesh has no interest in boxing, preferring to play golf and "be with the lads". His manager, Jim Evans, said: "He won't even talk about boxing, or watch it." McCreesh, whose mother was killed in a car crash just before his British title bout with Kevin Lueshing in July, said: "I don't know anything about boxers and I find boxing boring when I'm not fighting."

The bout with Ryan was a one-sided affair, McCreesh proving too strong for the challenger, who had moved up from light-welter. Ryan was knocked down with a flurry of blows in the second round.

SAILING: MORNING GLORY BREEZES TO VICTORY WITH HER KITE UP

Plattner masters the Mistral

FROM EDWARD GORMAN
SAILING CORRESPONDENT
IN PORTO CERVO

THE Mistral wind brought the Maxi Yacht Rolex Cup to a breezy conclusion yesterday with up to 37 knots blowing down the Sardinian coast, as Hasso Plattner's Reichel-Pugh 80-footer, *Morning Glory*, sealed her win in the IMS division, managing to get round the course with her mast in one piece.

Only six of the IMS class yachts completed the windward-leeward course, with casualties including Jim Dolan's *Sagamore*, which broke her boom, and Roberto Roemmers's *Alexia*, which had problems with her mainsail and sailed most of the course under headsail alone. Overall second place on the day went to Mike Slade's *Longobarda*, which got round without incident.

Morning Glory, which has broken her mast four times in the past 12 months, most recently off the Isle of Wight shortly after the start of the Channel Race, reached speeds of more than 22 knots as she surfed downwind with Plattner at the wheel. Undeterred by mast failures in more moderate conditions, he reportedly told his crew: "We are here to race so we are going to go with the kite up."

Despite winning the Rolex Cup, the headline trophy at the regatta, the 22-strong crew on the sleek, blue-hulled, Sydney-Hobart record-holder seemed nonplussed by their victory, having come to Porto Cervo with their thoughts focused on the ILC Maxi world championship. This was settled on Saturday, when Larry Ellison's *Sayonara*, with Chris Dickson at the wheel, clinched her fourth win of the series to take the title with a race to spare. *Morning Glory*, with Russell Coutts on tactics and many of the New Zealand Team Magic crew on board, finished second overall, with Alexia third. In truth, the fact that the ILC championship is being run in conjunction with the Rolex Cup for the first time has completely overshadowed the cup.

In the other divisions being contested here, the four-strong 100 class for yachts over 100ft long was won by George Lindemann's two-masted schooner, *Adela*, with Dennis Conner guesting on the wheel. Second was Luca Bassani's innovative *Wallygator*, with the big cruiser, *Never Say Never*, third.

The cruising division had a seemingly ridiculous outcome when the Italian yacht, *RRose Selavy*, won from Irvine Laidlaw's *Highland Fling*, even though she appeared not to have been entered in it from the beginning.

CYCLING

Zulle turns up power to take Tour of Spain lead

ALEX ZULLE, the world time-trial champion, from Switzerland, took the overall lead in the Tour of Spain, which he won last year, after the ninth stage time-trial at Cordoba yesterday (Peter Bryan writes).

He had started the 35-kilometre ride against the clock in third place overall, 14sec behind his compatriot, Laurent Dufaux. The trial was won by Melchior Mauri, Zülle's Once team colleague, in a time of 41min 11sec; Zülle was fourth, 38sec slower but sufficiently fast to wrest the lead from Dufaux.

Chris Boardman, who won the world championship silver medal behind Zülle in 1996, had been expected to win the stage, but he had been forced to retire from the 22-day race on the mountainous climb to Sierra Nevada on Friday. Boardman now has three weeks in which to recover and lead Great Britain in this year's world championship time trial, over 44 kilometres, at San Sebastian on October 9.

Graeme Obree, who hopes to be one of the other two British riders selected for the championship, regained his Scottish ten-mile record in the Wallacehill trial with a time of 19min 29sec, an improvement of 12sec on the 19min 41sec set by James Gladwell last month.

Obree remains the fastest ten-miler (18min 27sec) in Britain and he will ride the British Cycling Federation's 26-mile time-trial on September 28 in a final selection attempt for the world event. "I believe that I am racing as well as I ever have," he said. Twice the world pursuit champion and twice holder of the world one-hour record, he must therefore be in good form.

ATHLETICS: DISAPPOINTMENT FOR McCOLGAN AS HALF-MARATHON IS BOOSTED BY RECORD ENTRY

Great North Run gets back on right track

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IN THE early years of the Great North Run, the joke was that the sight of 20,000 people crossing the Tyne Bridge in mass exodus from Newcastle could mean only one thing. There must have been jobs going in South Shields. "Things have got better in the North East since then," John Caine, the race organiser, said. He might have added that his event now mirrors the energy of the area.

Yesterday, in the seventeenth running of this annual half-marathon from Newcastle to South Shields, record numbers took to the road. Five years ago, the event began to show signs of wasting away, dropping from a peak of 32,900 entries in 1991 to 26,800 in 1994. This year, 36,576 applicants were accepted.

This is the modern face of the Great North Run, which has shed its parochial costume for a national one. A drive to recruit runners from outside the North East has been so successful that, for the first time, all 120 postal districts of Britain were represented.

Not that sheer numbers can stop runners posted from Africa. Lucia Subano, from Kenya, won the women's race. Hendrick Ramaala, from South Africa, the men's. Strong westerly winds aided fast times, though both course records remained intact, Grete Waitz's 68min 49sec and Benson Masya's 60min 2sec.

Subano, a mother-of-three, pulled away from Marian Sutton in the eleventh mile to win in a time of 69min 24sec. Sutton, finishing ahead of her fellow Briton, Liz McColgan, for the first time in any race, improved her best by two minutes, to 69min 41sec. McColgan, having won three times, lost her unbeaten record in the Great North Run, finishing third in 70min 8sec.

Sutton defends her Chicago Marathon title five weeks hence and, though not deceiving herself into thinking that she is fitter than she is — "We had the wind behind us for 12 miles" — she was delighted. "I am in better shape than this time last year," she said.

Ramaala, like Subano, took flight from his last challengers along the seafront, the mile where the wind blew into their faces. He spared the race the embarrassment of a non-invited athlete winning the title. Up with those wearing the elite low numbers was Willy Cheruiyot, a Kenyan sporting No 29,840. Not only was Cheruiyot not paid to compete, he sent in his £14 entry fee. Ramaala recorded 60min 25sec, Cheruiyot 60min 43sec. Behind Sammy Korir, another Kenyan, was Paul Evans, in fourth place, the first British finisher.

Evans also has a Chicago Marathon title to defend and, though he possesses a faster time, he regards the 61min 18sec that he recorded yesterday as his best legitimate performance over the distance and his best in seven goes at the Great North Run.

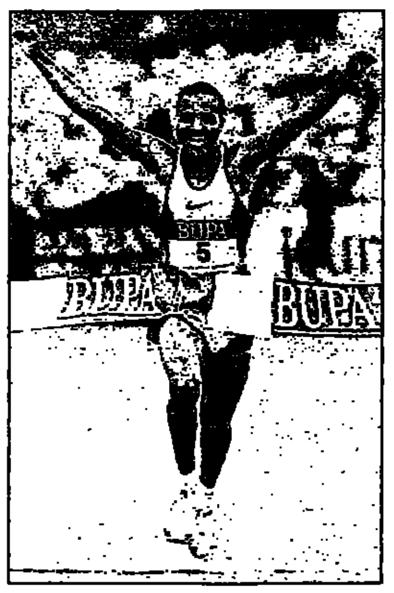
The ten-miles split for Evans was 26sec quicker than his best for a ten-mile race. His run, he said, had boosted his confidence for Chicago, especially as he finished ahead of Jon Brown, Britain's European cross-country champion, who will make his marathon debut there.

Brown suffered an early stitch, followed by a stomach spasm at eight miles, where he was forced to slow down. He finished a disappointed sixth in 61min 49sec. "Hopefully, it was just a one-off," he said.

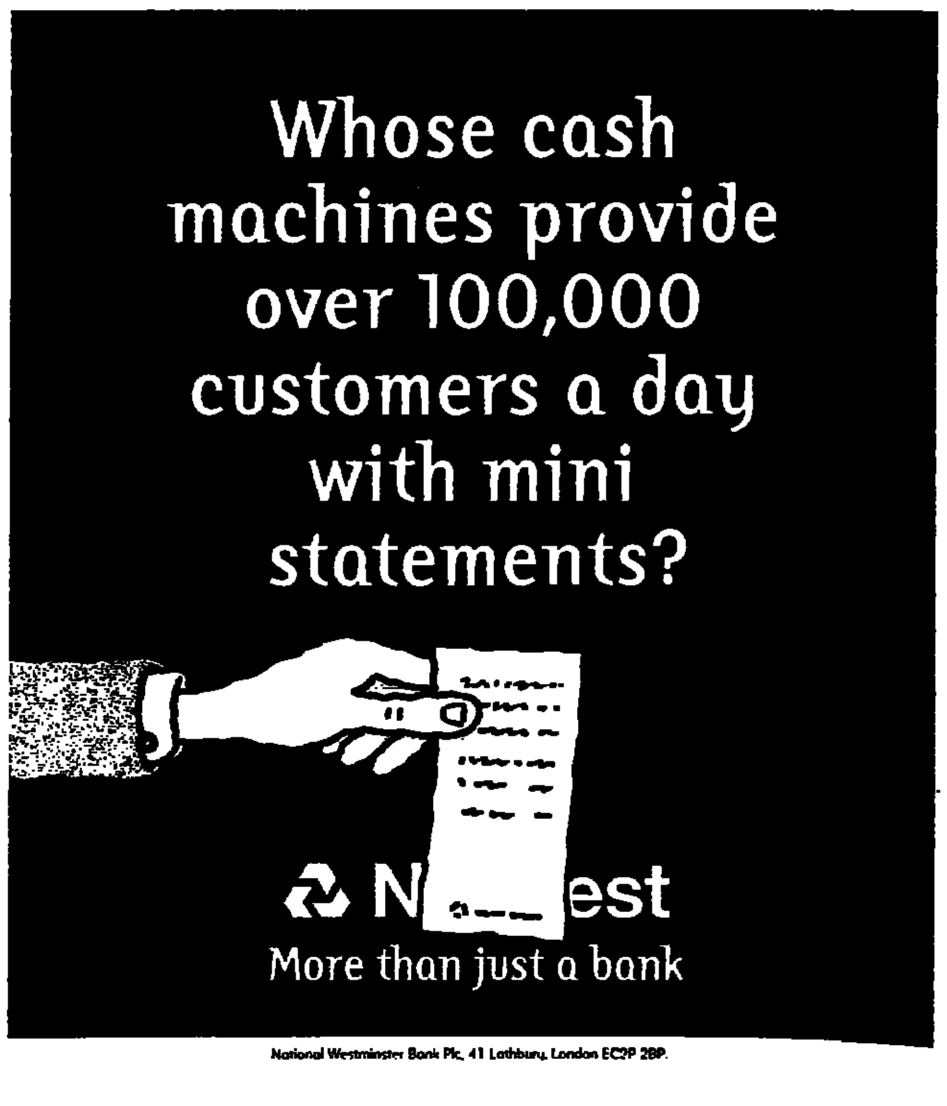
When numbers entering the Great North Run began to fall, it was a consequence of incorporating the world championships in 1992. "We frightened people off," Brendan Foster, the race founder, said. "They were saying: 'It is no longer the race we loved'."

The emphasis is back on fun now and the introduction of an exhibition, pasta party and bands at every mile along the route has developed the event from a race into an occasion.

McColgan: suffered defeat in event for the first time



Ramaala: broke away from the field to win in fast time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Captaincy brings best out of Curran

By Barney Spender

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Leicestershire by five wickets

SHANE WARNE, who is considering offers from three other counties, remains many people's favourite to lead Northamptonshire next season, but Rob Bailey and Kevin Curran, the two local candidates, did their chances no harm at the weekend.

On Saturday, Bailey, the incumbent, batting in pain because of a broken finger, stayed for 20 overs to deny Leicestershire a championship victory. Yesterday, Curran took over the reins and with a fluent innings of 78 not out led Northamptonshire to their third success in the Axa Life League in the last eight days.

After Wells had removed Fordham in the second over of the Northamptonshire innings, Curran came out to join Montgomerie in the quest for the 180 needed to win. By the time Montgomerie, on 69, had sent a lofted drive to Mason at mid-off, they had added 144 in 28 overs.

Sales followed shortly afterwards and the Leicestershire bowlers applied a late squeeze, but Curran saw his side home. Dropped by Mason when 33, a straightforward chance at mid-off, and hit a painful blow on the hand by Dakin, Curran was at his dogged best. His fifty, which came from 64 balls, included five fours and two sixes, one each off Brimson and the unfortunate Mason.

Earlier, Tony Penberthy pegged back Leicestershire, picking up three wickets as they slipped from 60 for one to 99 for six.

CRICKET: FINAL-DAY AXA LIFE LEAGUE FLOURISH ERASES MEMORY OF NATWEST TROPHY FAILURE

Warwickshire find life after Lord's

By Ivo Tennant

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by 71 runs

A WEEK after Warwickshire were utterly unable to give Essex a game in the NatWest Trophy final, they succeeded in winning the Axa Life League. Although they were dependent on Kent losing at Headingley, their all-round cricket was a considerable improvement on their performance at Lord's. Nick Knight made a thoroughly proficient century and Allan Donald, given an ecstatic send-off by a sizeable crowd, was too much for Gloucestershire.

The prize-money that Warwickshire will receive, £42,000, will not exactly go a long way towards the £500,000 needed to install floodlights here on a permanent basis. This triumph, though, their seventh trophy in five years, will hasten the day.

Save for Knight's century, this was not a notable match. As with the day-night event here in July, the sense of anticipation and the spectacle was what counted. The crowd knew what was happening at Headingley, although in the early stages of Gloucestershire's innings, a Warwickshire victory was far from assured. Hancock and Dawson put on 43 for the first wicket and there were the likes of Young and Alleyne to come.

Their middle-order, however, was ineffectual. Nobody reached 30. Small, who needs physiotherapy to enable him to bowl these days, gave little away and neither did the spinners, Smith and Giles, who finished with four wickets. So, too, did Donald, who was mobbed as he left the field and who flies home to South Africa, and a hectic international schedule, today. The public address announcer, like everybody else at Edgbaston, trusts that he will return after the World Cup in 1999.

Donald would like to extend his career in county cricket, fitness permitting. He said that he hoped to continue in the employ of Warwickshire after he retires "to give them something in return for what they have given me". He also hopes, naturally enough, to be granted a benefit by the club. "Allan has been the best overseas player in England over the past ten years and we decided he was the right person to receive the trophy," Neil Smith, the Warwickshire acting captain, said.

Warwickshire's innings was given the ideal start by Knight and Smith, who put on 89 in 16 overs. The newly-appointed captain of England A became the first batsman to score a century in the Sunday league for his county this season.

Until Knight was run out for 102 by Hancock's direct throw, his judgment was impeccable. He rarely resorted to anything unorthodox, although the six that he swung into the River Rea, over what used to be the Hollies Stand, was the kind of shot that he reserved for the one-day game. He reached his century, which came off 119 balls and included seven fours, with the neatest of leg glances.

The rest of Warwickshire's batting was unexceptional. For a side that have looked dispirited in the past week, all too aware that they would not become county champions, Gloucestershire fielded with considerable zeal. Ball ran 30 yards to take a catch over his shoulder off his own bowling and Davis, the substitute, held a fine tumbling catch at short mid-wicket to account for Ostler.

Yet a total of 221 for six was sufficient. In years gone by, when this competition has not been decided until the final Sunday, a helicopter has hovered between two grounds. Yesterday, the powers-that-be at Axa Life took the trophy to Headingley and brought a mere fake to Edgbaston. For the crowd of around 9,000 here, that was of scant concern. The genuine prize arrived some time later by car.

TABLE

	P	W	L	T	Nr	Pts	Rr
Warwicks (4)	17	13	4	0	0	52	14.14
Kent (10)	17	12	4	0	1	50	7.70
Lancashire (9)	17	10	4	1	2	46	1.89
Leics (12)	17	9	5	1	2	42	7.11
Surrey (1)	17	9	5	0	3	42	1.06
Somerset (5)	17	9	6	0	2	40	4.31
Essex (17)	17	9	6	1	1	40	-2.38
Worcs (8)	17	8	6	1	2	38	6.87
Northants (6)	17	8	6	0	3	38	2.78
Yorkshire (3)	17	8	7	1	1	36	5.24
Gloucs (16)	17	7	6	0	4	35	1.01
Notts (2)	17	7	7	0	3	34	-0.19
Glamorgan (13)	17	5	9	0	3	26	-4.01
Derbyshire (11)	17	4	9	0	4	24	-3.04
Hampshire (15)	17	5	11	0	1	22	-4.73
Middlesex (7)	17	3	10	1	3	20	-8.28
Durham (18)	17	3	13	0	1	14	-12.27
Sussex (14)	17	2	13	0	2	12	-16.72

(Last year's positions in brackets)

SCOREBOARD FROM EDGBASTON

WARWICKSHIRE

N V Knight run out	102
*N M K Smith c and b Ball	39
D R Brown c Alleyne b Ball	1
D L Hemp c and b Alleyne	8
D P Ostler c sub b Smith	24
T L Penney not out	16
G Welch c sub b Young	9
A F Giles not out	4
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 5, nb 4)	18
Total (6 wkts, 40 overs)	221

†K J Piper, A A Donald and G C Small did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-94, 3-110, 4-175, 5-197, 6-215

BOWLING: Smith 8-0-41-1; Lewis 8-0-48-0; Young 6-0-45-1; Ball 8-0-35-2; Alleyne 8-0-29-1; Hancock 2-0-14-0

Umpires: N T Plews and G Sharp.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

R I Dawson c Piper b Donald	15
T H C Hancock c and b Smith	29
S Young c Ostler b Smith	8
M J Church b Giles	25
*M W Alleyne c Penney b Giles	29
M G N Windows b Giles	5
M C J Ball c Brown b Donald	6
R J Cunliffe b Donald	6
†C M W Read c Smith b Giles	0
J J Lewis b Donald	1
A M Smith not out	7
Extras (b 2, lb 13, w 4)	19
Total (36.5 overs)	150

FALL OF WICKETS 1-43, 2-52, 3-75, 4-102, 5-122, 6-129, 7-136, 8-136, 9-139

BOWLING: Brown 3-0-17-0; Welch 3-0-15-0; Donald 7.5-1-24-4; Smith 8-0-29-2, Small 8-2-25-0; Giles 7-0-25-4.

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SMITH
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LIFE
LEAGUE

Donald, second left, is congratulated after taking another wicket yesterday

Moody has to concede second best to Clarke

By Rupert Cox

WORCESTER (Worcestershire won toss): Derbyshire (4pts) beat Worcestershire by five wickets

A FINE all-round performance by Tom Moody, the Worcestershire captain, was not enough to prevent Derbyshire from sneaking home by five wickets and with eight balls to spare. His exploits were upstaged by a dashing innings of 69 not out by Vince Clarke that proved the catalyst for Derbyshire's fourth Axa Life League win and denied Worcestershire a fourth-place finish and a prize of £5,250.

It proved to be quite a day for Moody. On winning the toss, he opened the innings, scored a forthright century, bowled his overs miserly, whereupon he left the field. Perhaps, with some justification, he felt he had earned his leave. He did not return to view the damage Clarke inflicted upon his bowlers.

The day was equally as poignant for Tim Curtis, who, after a career spanning 19 years, bade farewell to New Road to concentrate on his teaching. In conjunction with his captain, Worcestershire chugged along at four an over until Curtis was bowled by Clarke. He left to a rousing ovation, just shy of 6,500 Sunday runs.

Moody continued with Graeme Hick as his accomplice, striking his second fifty from 39 balls before he fell in the final over.

Derbyshire were quickly into their stride but, after Moody dismissed both openers, the innings lapsed. However, in this dismal Derbyshire season, Clarke offered some respite, steering them home after a match-winning stand of 87 with Kim Barnett.

Glamorgan succumb meekly

By Simon Wilde

CARDIFF (Glamorgan won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Glamorgan by six wickets

THERE was a decidedly so-what-ish air to events at Sophia Gardens yesterday — as betokens a match between teams who had not won in the Axa Life League for almost two months. Not, of course, that that was the reason. A crowd of 1,500 suffered the autumn winds to whet their appetites for Thursday, Taunton and the championship that beckons.

Matthew Maynard stood down from the game, but was on the ground and spent the afternoon being lionised. With Croft, Waqar Younis and Watkin also resting, Glamorgan put out a side of near-anorexic strength. They were no match for Essex, who, rather unfairly in the circumstances, included Stuart Law, who was in his usual hurry to get on with things.

With his side chasing 169, Law smote two fours off the hapless Parkin's first over, two off his second and took the lion's share of the 19 that came off his fourth. He raced to his fifty in 34 balls and when he was out for 59, Essex were left with a straightforward task.

Glamorgan had gone along fine while Dale and Cottey were together, but once Dale fell for 62, the innings subsided in a flurry of swipes and heaves. Such was the main beneficiary, picking up, five wickets in four overs to claim Sunday-best figures.

Essex have little to feel pleased about. Despite winning the NatWest Trophy, this has been a painful summer. The excuse is the injuries — Cowan sees a specialist on Thursday — the truth that they have missed the runs of Gooch, who has spent the past few days with his old muckers, savouring the camaraderie for a last time.

Johnson's masterclass fails to bring reward

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by one run

PAUL JOHNSON gave a wonderful masterclass in one-day batting yesterday, making a century from 66 balls without appearing to force the pace (John Stern writes).

Unfortunately for Nottinghamshire, his dismissal, caught at long-off by Angus Fraser off Paul Weekes, caused a middle-order collapse that left Wayne Noon needing to score three of the last ball from Keith Dutch. He managed only a single and Middlesex won their first Axa Life League match since May 18.

Owais Shah, who scored a maiden century in the championship game, was Middlesex's top scorer, remaining unbeaten on 66, his highest score on a Sunday, as they made 231 for four. Earlier, Paul Weekes and Mark Ramprakash had put on 104 for the first wicket.

☐ John Jameson, the MCC cricket secretary, resumed umpiring duties at Lord's yesterday after Barrie Leadbeater, who had been due to stand, returned home after the death of his wife in a car accident near Leeds.

Durham's disaster continues

By Derek Hodgson

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Somerset won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Durham by seven wickets

THIS fixture had to compete with the Great North Run — on television — and Sunderland's win at Birmingham — on television — so a crowd of 2,000-plus on a cool and cloudy day to watch Durham's obsession with avoiding bottom place was a marketing triumph. The Sunday audience's relative indifference to technique is a help.

Two divisions in the Sunday League, or new National League, cannot come quickly enough. September has become a dreary month for those counties outside the top four. Six up and six down would set fire to the drowsy.

Somerset, seventh at the start, ambled through the afternoon, using seven bowlers. Ben Trott, 22, a local recruit, made a good impression.

More words have been written about the disaster that is Durham's batting than about the sinking of the *Titanic* and this episode was little different, Andrew Caddick and Mushtaq doing most of the damage, Jon Lewis making 57 off 44 balls and Martin Speight 50 off 70. David Boon was out again when looking settled and Nick Speak rattled around with the tail. The pitch was neither as flat nor as even as is expected on Sunday.

Set to score 206, Somerset lost their openers for 16 before Simon Ecclestone reached his Sunday best for this summer, 96 not out off 98 balls, including three sixes, Mark Lathwell joining him to put the icing on the cake, four overs to spare. The sigh of relief came with the news that Sussex had lost.

The county winning the Sunday League gets £42,000 — Fabrizio Ravanelli's weekly wage.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Axa Life League

Durham v Somerset

CHESTER-LE-STREET (Somerset won toss): Somerset (4pts) beat Durham by seven wickets

DURHAM

[illegible]

Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) 205

FALL OF WICKETS: [illegible]

BOWLING: [illegible]

SOMERSET

[illegible]

Total (3 wkts, 35.4 overs) 211

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-31, 3-90

BOWLING: [illegible]

Umpires: J D Bond and J W Holder

Glamorgan v Essex

CARDIFF (Glamorgan won toss): Essex (4pts) beat Glamorgan by six wickets

GLAMORGAN

[illegible]

Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) 168

ESSEX

[illegible]

Total (4 wkts, 32 overs) 169

Hampshire v Sussex

SOUTHAMPTON (Sussex won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Sussex by two wickets

SUSSEX

K Greenfield c Kendall b Francis	35
*†P Moores c Kendall b Francis	32
N R Taylor lbw b Stephenson	1
M Newell c Laney b Stephenson	60
[illegible]	

Total (38.4 overs) 181

HAMPSHIRE

[illegible]

Total (8 wkts, 40 overs) 184

Umpires: J C Balderstone and R A White

Middlesex v Nottinghamshire

LORD'S (Middlesex won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Nottinghamshire by one run

MIDDLESEX

[illegible]

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

[illegible]

Northamptonshire v Leicestershire

NORTHAMPTON (Northamptonshire won toss): Northamptonshire (4pts) beat Leicestershire by five wickets

LEICESTERSHIRE

[illegible]

Total 179

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

[illegible]

Total (5 wkts) 181

Surrey v Lancashire

[illegible]

LANCASHIRE

[illegible]

Total 208

SURREY

[illegible]

Total (5 wkts, 37.1 overs) 210

Worcestershire v Derbyshire

WORCESTER (Worcestershire won toss): Derbyshire (4pts) beat Worcestershire by five wickets

WORCESTERSHIRE

*T M Moody c Cassar b Harris	112
T S Curtis b Clarke	31
G A Hick c Tweats b Harris	35
G R Haynes not out	23
D A Leatherdale not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 7)	14
Total (3 wkts, 40 overs)	215

V S Solanki, S R Lampitt, †S J Rhodes, R K Illingworth, W P C Weston and M M Mirza did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-74, 2-155, 3-207

BOWLING: [illegible]

DERBYSHIRE

D G Cork c Hick b Moody	14
*P A J DeFreitas c Rhodes b Moody	30
T A Tweats c Rhodes b Illingworth	19
K J Barnett run out	41
V P Clarke not out	69
I Blackwell lbw b Leatherdale	4
†K M Krikken not out	11
Extras (lb 14, w 8, nb 2)	24
Total (5 wkts, 38.4 overs)	216

M E Cassar, S J Lacey, A J Harris and F Aldred did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: [illegible]

BOWLING: [illegible]

Umpires: D R Shepherd and A G T Whitehead

Yorkshire v Kent

HEADINGLEY (Kent won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Kent by seven wickets

KENT

T R Ward c Byas b Hamilton	41
E T Smith c McGrath b Fisher	20
A P Wells c Blakey b Hamilton	10
G R Cowdrey st Blakey b Fisher	1
N J Llong c Lehmann b Hamilton	1
M A Ealham b Vaughan	21
M V Fleming c Sidebottom b Morris	8
P A Strang c Byas b Sidebottom	36
*†S A Marsh not out	16
Extras	31
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	185

A P Igglesden and J B D Thompson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: [illegible]

BOWLING: Hartley 7-0-41-0, Sidebottom 7-0-41-1, Fisher 8-0-23-2, Hamilton 8-0-26-3, Vaughan 5-0-21-1, Morris 5-0-20-1

YORKSHIRE

A McGrath c Llong b Thompson	9
M P Vaughan lbw b Igglesden	43
D S Lehmann not out	78
*D Byas c Marsh b Fleming	0
B Parker not out	39
Extras	12
Total (3 wkts, 29.4 overs)	187

G M Hamilton, †R J Blakey, A C Morris, P J Hartley, R J Sidebottom and I Fisher did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-130, 3-140

BOWLING: Igglesden 5-0-43-1, Thompson 5.4-0-37-1, Ealham 5-0-30-0, Strang 3-0-18-0, Fleming 5-0-34-1, Llong 2-0-20-0

Umpires: H D Bird and B J Meyer

Sussex are condemned to last place

By Pat Gibson

SOUTHAMPTON (Sussex won toss): Hampshire (4pts) beat Sussex by two wickets

SUSSEX fought it out to the very last ball, but in the end they had to accept the Axa Life League wooden spoon when Simon Renshaw, with one final desperate heave, mowed Keith Newell to the long off boundary to seal their fate.

Hampshire were required to make 13 off the last three overs with four wickets left, after Shaun Udal had made up for his disappointment in failing to take the four wickets he needed to pip Peter Martin, of Lancashire, for the £5,000 bowling prize by hitting his fourth Sunday half-century of the summer.

Then Udal, having scored 70 off 94 balls with seven fours, was caught behind off the leg spin of Khan and panic set in. Hampshire still needed four to win when Keith Newell began the final over and they had managed only two singles when Aymes was run out off the penultimate ball, leaving Renshaw to do or die.

Sussex had made a decent start, but they were undermined by Simon Francis, 19, a fast-medium bowler from Durham University, who bowled his eight overs for 21 runs and two wickets.

Mark Newell showed that Sussex were not going to go down without a fight, however, by making 60 off 63 balls and then "catching" Laney on the square leg boundary before passing the ball to Kirtley as he careered over the rope. Kirtley, meanwhile, had left Hayden sweating on the £5,000 batting award by trapping him leg-before for one, but he still finished 11 runs ahead of his fellow Australian, Darren Lehmann.

SATURDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Glamorgan v Essex

CARDIFF (final day of four): Glamorgan (24pts) beat Essex (4) by seven wickets

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 361 (H Morris 82, M P Maynard 71, D R Law 4 for 69)

Second Innings

S P James b Cowan	4
H Morris c Hyam b Cowan	0
A Dale b Such	12
*M P Maynard not out	75
P A Cottey not out	35
Extras (b 4, lb 12, nb 8)	24
Total (3 wkts)	150

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-13, 3-26

BOWLING: [illegible]

ESSEX: First Innings [illegible] (S G Law 85)

Second Innings

*P J Prichard c James b Croft	51
D D J Robinson c Maynard b Watkin	0
N Hussain b Watkin	53
S G Law c Shaw b Watkin	0
R C Irani b Waqar	50
A P Grayson not out	38
D R Law b Waqar	1
†B J Hyam lbw b Thomas	26
M C Ilott b Croft	7
A P Cowan c Shaw b Watkin	13
P M Such c Croft b Watkin	5
Extras (b 9, lb 16, nb 2)	27
Total	340

FALL OF WICKETS: [illegible]

BOWLING: [illegible]

Umpires: J H Harris and R Julian

Hampshire v Sussex

SOUTHAMPTON (final day of four): Hampshire (21pts) beat Sussex (4) by seven wickets

SUSSEX: First Innings 114 (S D Udal 4 for 17, S M Milburn 4 for 48). Second Innings [illegible] (M T E Peirce 104, J R Carpenter 63, A A Khan 52, N R Taylor 53)

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings [illegible] (G W White [illegible], P R Whitaker 75; A A Khan 4 for 79, R J Kirtley 4 for 41)

Second Innings

[illegible]

Total (3 wkts) [illegible]

Umpires: J C Balderstone and R A White

Northamptonshire v Leicestershire

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): [illegible]

[illegible]

Middlesex v Nottinghamshire

LORD'S (final day of four): [illegible]

MIDDLESEX: [illegible]

[illegible]

Total (no wkt) [illegible]

BOWLING: Noon 1-0-12-0

TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Glamorgan (10)	16	7	2	7	46	53	232
Kent (4)	16	7	4	5	43	56	231
Yorkshire (6)	16	6	2	8	39	53	212
Warwicks (8)	16	7	2	7	30	49	212
Middlesex (9)	16	7	4	5	30	52	209
Worcs (7)	16	5	3	8	45	50	204
Gloucs (13)	16	6	6	4	33	56	197
Surrey (3)	16	5	4	7	39	49	188
Essex (5)	16	5	6	5	37	51	183
Lancashire (15)	16	5	6	5	33	50	172
Somerset (11)	16	3	2	11	36	60	177
Leics (1)	16	3	1	12	36	50	170
Notts (17)	16	4	3	9	22	53	166
Hampshire (14)	16	3	4	9	[illegible]	41	155
Northants (16)	16	3	5	9	32	45	147
Durham (18)	16	2	7	7	22	52	127
Derbyshire (2)	16	1	9	6	29	55	117
Sussex (12)	16	1	10	5	21	56	107

☐ Worcestershire's and Kent's record includes eight points as side batting last in match where scores finished level

(Last year's positions in brackets)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 210 (P C R Tufnell 5 for 61, J H Kallis 4 for 30)

Second Innings

M P Dowman c Brown b Tufnell	13
R T Robinson lbw b Bloomfield	[illegible]
G E Welton b Bloomfield	[illegible]
*P Johnson lbw b Bloomfield	44
U Afzaal run out	21
[illegible]	
Total	228

FALL OF WICKETS: [illegible]

BOWLING: [illegible]

Umpires: [illegible]

Worcestershire v Derbyshire

WORCESTER (final day of four): Worcestershire (24pts) beat Derbyshire (2) by ten wickets

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 554 for 8 dec (W P C Weston 168, T M Moody 101, D A Leatherdale 93).

Second Innings

W P C Weston not out	19
K R Spiring not out	50
Extras (lb 1, nb 2)	3
Total (no wkt)	72

BOWLING: Malcolm 4-0-18-0; Harris 4-1-8-0, DeFreitas 5-0-31-0, Lacey 4.4-1-14-0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 223 (M E Cassar 76 not out)

Second Innings

S Stubbings lbw b Sheriyar	22
A J Harris c Illingworth b Sheriyar	35
D G Cork b Hick	9
T A Tweats b Illingworth	83
K J Barnett c Leatherdale b Hick	86
V P Clarke c Leatherdale b Hick	37
M E Cassar lbw b Hick	8
†K M Krikken c Weston b Illingworth	85
*P A J DeFreitas c Lampitt b Sheriyar	1
S J Lacey not out	34
D E Malcolm b Sheriyar	0
Extras (b 4, lb 3, w 4, nb 10)	21
Total	402

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-71, 3-73, 4-229, 5-293, 6-284, 7-293, 8-294, 9-402

BOWLING: Lampitt 10-1-55-0, Haynes 9-1-63-0, Sheriyar 21-8-84-4, Hick 26-6-70-4, Illingworth 26-8-51-2, Moody 5-0-30-0, Leatherdale 13-5-42-0

Umpires: D R Shepherd and A G T Whitehead

Yorkshire v Kent

HEADINGLEY (final day of four): Yorkshire (10pts) drew with Kent (11)

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 312 (D S Lehmann 87, D Byas 59, D Gough 58; M A Ealham 4 for 62, A P Igglesden 4 for 67).

Second Innings

A McGrath lbw b Igglesden	32
M P Vaughan c and b Ealham	42
*D Byas c Smith b Strang	74
D S Lehmann c and b Fleming	68
C White b Igglesden	11
B Parker c Igglesden b Ealham	28
†R J Blakey lbw b Ealham	4
D Gough b Ealham	10
C E W Silverwood not out	6
R D Stemp b Strang	9
P M Hutchison c Ward b Strang	0
Extras (b 5, lb 11)	16
Total	301

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-90, 3-205, 4-222, 5-260, 6-266, 7-272, 8-286, 9-301

BOWLING: Headley 13-1-67-0; Igglesden 14-0-55-2; Fleming 18-5-56-1; Ealham 16-0-47-4; Strang 16.4-3-55-3; Wells 1-0-5-0

KENT: First Innings 374 (S A Marsh 84, T R Ward 56, M V Fleming 53; C E W Silverwood 7 for 93)

Second Innings

D P Fulton b Silverwood	10
E T Smith c Blakey b Silverwood	7
T R Ward lbw b Silverwood	7
A P Wells lbw b Silverwood	14
G R Cowdrey lbw b Silverwood	1
M A Ealham not out	44
M V Fleming not out	50
Extras (lb 4, nb 10)	14
Total (5 wkts)	147

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-18, 3-29, 4-31, 5-48

BOWLING: Silverwood 22-6-55-5, Hutchison 20-10-22-0, Stemp 13-6-18-0; White 13.5-13-0; Vaughan 7-0-35-0

Umpires: H D Bird and B J Meyer.

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CRICKET: KENT FEAR SEASON OF TRIPLE DISAPPOINTMENT

Lehmann extinguishes Marsh's hopes of title

By Richard Hobson

HEADINGLEY (Kent won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Kent by seven wickets

FOR Kent, the possibility of finishing runners-up in three competitions this season remains cruelly alive. Beaten by Surrey in a one-sided Benson and Hedges Cup final in July, they were outplayed again here at Headingley in the decisive Axa Life League game when victory would have guaranteed the title.

Instead, they have finished second to Warwickshire and attention now swings to the last round of Britannic Assurance county championship matches on Thursday. Kent face Surrey and must retrieve a one-point deficit on Glamorgan, the leaders, who play Somerset. Yesterday, Kent lost with 10.2 overs to spare in the face of an onslaught by Darren Lehmann. Yorkshire should raise a glass to the Australia selectors for deeming Lehmann surplus to Test requirements. He has given marvellous value all season and, in scoring an unbeaten 78 from 68 balls, finished just 12 runs short of winning £5,000 as the leading run-maker in the competition this season.

Steve Marsh, the Kent captain, said afterwards: "I thought this season that we were a harder side and could win important games, but yet again we have fallen short. We under-achieved and the issue of whether we freeze on the big occasion will be raised again, rightly so. But we have played too well in the championship to let this disappointment affect us on Thursday. Perhaps it is as well we are a point behind rather than in front."

The Kent innings yesterday developed a symmetry that swung the mood of travelling supporters in a neat parabola. Runs came cheerily when the ball was new and in the closing overs, but wickets fell all too freely in between against a Yorkshire attack missing four important members because of injuries.

Ward and Smith gave little indication that trouble lay ahead as they posted 57 for the first wicket. Kent could absorb Smith's departure, but the fall of four wickets for 19 runs inside six overs, three of them to Hamilton, meant that the lower order had to come to the rescue once again. Wells played at a wide one with a horizontal blade and edged to Blakey, while Cowdrey did not bother looking round to see Blakey complete a stumping off Fisher, so far was he out of his ground. Lehmann plucked an unlikely one-handed catch at slip to account for Llong and Ward offered a thin nick to Blakey after scoring 41 from 59 balls. Ealham and Fleming proved unable to reproduce their gutsy performances of Saturday afternoon.

From 124 for seven, Strang and Marsh, who required pain-killing injections before the game to numb a severely bruised thumb, put on 61 in ten overs. Better, but still not good enough because a total of 185 for eight looked well with Yorkshire's compass.

Lehmann clearly thought so. He scored 71 of a second-wicket stand of 125 in 19 overs with Vaughan, who briefly matched him stroke-for-stroke during a breathtaking sequence of front-foot blows played against Ealham and Strang.

Vaughan and Byas were dismissed in successive overs before the umpire, Dickie Bird, resisted an appeal for caught behind against Parker two balls later. Parker offered the bowlers no further encouragement while Lehmann continued untroubled. After Ben Hollioake at Lord's, Kent had again encountered the wrong man on the wrong day.

ANDREW VARLEY

Ealham is bowled by Vaughan during the Kent collapse

Stewart leads Lions in salvaging pride

By Michael Henderson

THE OVAL (Surrey won toss): Surrey (4pts) beat Lancashire by five wickets

THE Surrey Lions partly atoned for their lamentable performance in the Britannic Assurance county championship fixture when they beat Lancashire in yesterday's 40-over match to bring down the curtain on Sundays. An unbeaten 67 by Alec Stewart, who was leading Surrey in place of the injured Adam Hollioake, saw them through to victory with nearly three overs to spare.

Stewart shared 101 runs for the third wicket with Ben Hollioake, who was run out by Fairbrother's throw from deep cover as he tried to complete a second run on Stewart's stroke. Surrey wobbled as Bicknell and Ratcliffe came and went, but they were always ahead of the rate and Stewart made sure they got there.

For once, there were no booming strokes by Brown, the man who this year backed himself to make the highest score in the history of the Sunday League and promptly went out and did it, making 203 against Hampshire at Guildford. He was the second of Austin's victims, driving to long-off, where Yates judged a nice catch.

Surrey were then 32 for two and, in the next hour, Hollioake and Stewart steadied the ship with some sensible and, at times, aggressive batting. Hollioake belted Keedy over the mid-wicket boundary and drove Yates straight, high and handsome for half a dozen more. His 61 was his first half century on Sundays.

Lancashire lost their way in the latter stages of their innings, failing to make more than 51 runs from the last ten overs. Lloyd and Fairbrother put together the only significant partnership, 80, for the fourth wicket before Lloyd, who had just driven an enormous straight six off Amin, hoisted another drive to long-off.

Atherton, playing in that pinched way, had somehow eked out 30 runs at the top of the order. It was left to Fairbrother to hold things together. The innings faded away and Lancashire ended up a good 30 runs short of a challenging score. They haven't had the best of summers and the club now faces an interesting autumn.

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7 30 unless stated

Scottish Challenge Cup
Semi-final
Hamilton v Falkirk

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley v Spennymoor

ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Purfleet v Heybridge

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Swindon (at Lewes FC, 2 0), Wimbledon v Chelsea (at Plough Lane, 2 0)

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Cup. Group four: Stoke v Stockport (at Newcastle Town FC, 7 0). Group six: Tranmere v Rotherham (7 0)

FA CARLSBERG VASE: First qualifying round: Slade Green v Dorking. **First qualifying round replay:** Blackpool Rovers v Burscough, Harlow v Hanwell

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Pontefract Cols v Hucknall Town

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of three): **Liverpool:** Lancashire v Leicestershire

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Premiership
Quarter-final
Wigan v Leeds (7 30)

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Musselburgh (2 10), Nottingham (2 0), Fontwell (2.20).

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Wolverhampton v Eastbourne (7 30); Peterborough v Ipswich (8 0). Premier League: Exeter v Isle of Wight (7.30); Reading v Newport (7 30), Glasgow v Oxford (7 30). Amateur League: Ryde (IoW) v Ipswich and King's Lynn (7 15)

TOMORROW

BASKETBALL: European Cup: Hapoel Eilat (Isr) v London Towers (8 0).

RACING: Sandown Park (2 15), Yarmouth (2 05), Sedgefield (2 25)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Isle of Wight v Exeter (7 15)

WEDNESDAY

ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Newcastle Cobras v Manchester Storm (7 0), Paisley Pirates v Ayr Scottish Eagles (7 30), Nottingham Panthers v Cardiff Devils (7 30); Slough Jets v Basingstoke Bison (8 0), Peterborough Pirates v Bracknell Bees (7 30)

RACING: Beverley (2 25), Sandown Park (2 15), Yarmouth (2 20)

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Bradford v Eastbourne (7 30); King's Lynn v Coventry (7 45), Poole v Belle Vue (7 30). Premier League: Hull v Edinburgh (7 30). Challenge: Long Eaton v Nottingham Outlaws (7 45)

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Hull)

THURSDAY

CRICKET

BRITANNIC ASSURANCE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (four days) **Derby:** Derbyshire v Yorkshire. **Chelmsford:** Essex v Middlesex. **Bristol:** Gloucestershire v Lancashire. **Southampton:** Hampshire v Worcestershire. **Canterbury:** Kent v Surrey. **Leicester:** Leicestershire v Durham. **Taunton:** Somerset v Glamorgan. **Hove:** Sussex v Nottinghamshire. **Edgbaston:** Warwickshire v Northamptonshire

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: British Masters (at Forest of Arden), Guardian Irish Women's Open (in Dublin)

RACING: Ayr (2 0), Newbury (2 10), Yarmouth (2.20)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Sheffield v Isle of Wight (7 45)

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Hull)

FRIDAY

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Newcastle v Leicester (7 30)

BOXING: World Boxing Organisation Inter-continental featherweight championship: S Robinson (GB, holder) v A Malhabola (SA) (in Southend)

GOLF: British Masters (Forest of Arden), Guardian Irish Women's Open (in Dublin)

RACING: Ayr (2 0), Newbury (2 10), Huntingdon (2 20)

RUGBY LEAGUE: Stones Premiership: Semi-final (7 30).

SPEEDWAY: Elite League: Belle Vue v King's Lynn (7 30); Peterborough v Poole (7 45). **Premier League:** Arena Essex v Hull (8 0); Edinburgh v Newcastle (7 30), Oxford v Isle of Wight (7 45). **Amateur League:** Oxford v Ipswich and King's Lynn (7 0)

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Hull)

SATURDAY

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 3 0 unless stated

HEINEKEN CUP: Pool A: Milan v Leinster, Toulouse v Leicester (5 05). Pool C: Bath v Brive (2 15), Scottish Borders v Pontypridd (7 0). Pool D: Munster v Bourgoin. Pool E: Llanelli v Treviso (2 0), Pau v Caledonia (5 0)

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE: Pool A: Agen v Bristol (7 0); La Rochelle v Ebbw Vale (2 30). Pool C: Farul Constanta v London Irish (3 30). Pool D: Bègles-Bordeaux v Connacht (7.0); Northampton v Nice (4 0). Pool E: Bridgend v Colomiers (2 0); Richmond v Grenoble. Pool F: Beziers v Gloucester (7 30)

ALLIED DUNBAR PREMIERSHIP: Second division: Bedford v London Scottish; Blackheath v Fylde, Exeter v Waterloo, Orrell v Moseley; Rotherham v West Hartlepool, Wakefield v Coventry

JEWSON NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool St Helens v Newbury, Lydney v Leeds, Morley v London Welsh, Nottingham v Harrogate, Reading v Wharfedale, Rugby v Rosslyn Park, Worcester v Otley. Second division north: Aspatria v Kendal; Birmingham/Solihull v Manchester, Lichfield v Hinckley, Nuneaton v Winnington Park. Sandal v Stourbridge, Stafford v Sedgley Park, Walsall v Preston Grasshoppers. **Second division south.** Barking v Havant, Camberley v Clifton, Esher v Cheltenham; Henley v Weston-super-Mare, Metropolitan Police v Redruth, Plymouth v North Walsham; Tabard v Bridgwater

WELSH LEAGUE: First division: Bonymaen v Treorchy (2 0), Caerphilly v Newbridge (2 0). Cross Keys v Dunvant (2 0); Maesteg v Blackwood (2 0). Merthyr v Abertillery (2 0), Rumney v Llandovery (2 0), South Wales Police v Pontypool (2 0); Cardiff Institute v Aberavon (2 0)

SRU LEAGUE TROPHY: Group A: Edinburgh Academicals v Currie, Gala v Heriot's FP, Hawick v Musselburgh, Kirkcaldy v Glasgow Hawks, Melrose v Preston Lodge. **Group B:** Boroughmuir v Stirling County, Dundee HSFP v Jed-Forest, Kelso v Biggar, Watsonians v Kilmarnock, West of Scotland v Peebles

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Manchester v London Towers (7 30), Watford v Derby (7.30); Thames Valley v Newcastle (8 0), Worthing v Crystal Palace (8 0)

BOXING: World Boxing Organisation welterweight championship: M Lowe (Ger, holder) v M Carruth (Ire) (in Aachen, Germany)

GOLF: British Masters (Forest of Arden), Guardian Irish Women's Open (in Dublin)

ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Sheffield Steelers v Ayr Scottish Eagles (7 0), Telford Tigers v Paisley Pirates (7 30), Nottingham Panthers v Slough Jets (7 0); Basingstoke Bison v Bracknell Bees (6 30)

MOTOR SPORT: British touring car championship meeting (at Silverstone)

RACING: Ayr (1 55), Catterick (2.20), Newbury (2 0), Wolverhampton (7 0), Carlisle (1 45).

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Berwick v Edinburgh (6 30); Isle of Wight v Hull (6 0), Isle of Wight v Reading (7 30). Stoke v Newcastle (7 30). Amateur League: Swindon and Reading v Ipswich and King's Lynn (4 30)

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Hull).

SUNDAY

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN CUP: Pool B: Glasgow v Swansea (3 0); Wasps v Ulster (3 0). Pool D: Cardiff v Harlequins (2 15)

EUROPEAN CONFERENCE: Pool B: Sale v Newport (3 0). Pool G: Edinburgh v Newcastle (at Goldenacre). Pool H: Saracens v Neath

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Chester v Worthing (5 30), Crystal Palace v Leicester (6 0), Sheffield v Watford (6 0), Leopards v Birmingham (5.0)

GOLF: British Masters (Forest of Arden); Guardian Irish Women's Open (in Dublin)

ICE HOCKEY: Benson and Hedges Cup: Ayr Scottish Eagles v Telford Tigers (6 30), Manchester Storm v Newcastle Cobras (6 0); Paisley Pirates v Sheffield Steelers (6 30); Bracknell Bees v Peterborough Pirates (6 0), Cardiff Devils v Nottingham Panthers (6 0)

MOTOR SPORT: British touring car championship meeting (at Silverstone)

RACING: Haydock Park (2.20), Kempton Park (2 10), Market Rasen (2 0)

RUGBY LEAGUE: Stones Premiership: Semi-final (6 35). Divisional Premiership: Semi-finals (3.0)

SAILING: Whitbread Race (Southampton)

TENNIS: LTA satellite tournament (in Hull)

TRIATHLON: London Triathlon (in Docklands)

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THE FUTURE OF CRICKET: EVOLUTION OR REVOLUTION? THE EXPERTS GIVE THEIR VIEW AS THE FIRST-CLASS GAME STANDS AT THE CROSSROADS

Counties should reject folly of status quo

ALAN LEE

Cricket Correspondent

THIS should have been the day when county cricket updated and upgraded, a day to celebrate. It still could be. Regrettably, it seems ever likelier that it will produce nothing more enlightening than a reprise of the counties' unshakeable trust in tradition.

Before them at the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) will be an opportunity to give the county championship an overdue conversion, making it more appealing to the watcher and more purposeful to the player. Two divisions, with promotion and relegation for three counties each season, is at last a viable option. The chances are that they will spurn it and that a majority — narrow, perhaps, but nonetheless damningly decisive — will flock like frightened rabbits to a burrow of stale familiarity.

These conservative clubs will hide behind the usual conveniences, such as the preferences of members, the fear of losing sponsors and the dread of sinking into some mythical morass of insolvency and inadequacy. Some such reservations hold water and require attention, but most are the imaginings and scaremongerings of those with no will for any development that may threaten their safe, shallow tranquillity.

There are four options available today to the 18 counties and MCC, who make up the First Class Forum. Only two are likely to attract any support and, in all probability, the vote will be something like 11-8 in favour of what the board likes to call an enhanced status quo, a euphemism for grabbing at the chance to leave things alone.

The six Test-staging clubs will support two divisions, as will Worcestershire, but it needs two more of those still open to persuasion to step into the radical corner and produce a 9-9 tie among the counties. If this were to occur, I understand that MCC would consider themselves compromised by any suggestion of a casting vote and abstain. Then, perhaps, the decision would fall to the chairman of the board, Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, whose backing for two divisions is now public.

It is a moot point, one contested fiercely by some counties, whether MCC should retain a say in issues such as this. Their own view is also in doubt as, I understand, the MCC cricket committee endorsed the idea of two divisions, but the club's delegates may be mandated differently now that the softer option is available.

This scheme was dreamt up by the executives of the ECB once they had convinced themselves that it would not be prudent to install only two divisions as an alternative to the original, three-conference proposal in "Raising the Standard". Within it, the four-day championship will continue precisely in its present form.

The board has given it some garnish, some pretence of being bright and different, by suggesting that the top eight teams in the championship would have the "incentive" of qualifying for an extra competition the following season. Grandly, this would be called the Super Cup and comprise a 50-overs knockout guilelessly designed for television, its relevance to the championship unfathomable.

As a motivational reward for those who excel at four-day cricket, this is a transparent absurdity. The proposal is for no change, in macabre fancy dress, and more than half the counties are preparing to breathe a sigh of relief and embrace it. They will guard the all-play-all, 18-team league on the basis that it has performed noble service. They will oppose divisions because they fear marginalisation. Both provisos are fatally flawed.

The championship worked when there was nothing else around it, no one-day competitions claiming attention and fewer rival sports. Now it needs a revamp, something to give it back its profile. It is a nonsense to claim, as many do, that the closeness of the title race this year is a justification for no change. It is not the top end that is sick, it is the middle and lower reaches, where clubs have no incentives and where, from August onwards, the subconscious takes over, damaging attitude and performance.

Surrey's display against Lancashire last week was indicative of this. Interestingly, it left them eighth in the table. Would they have played such spineless cricket if such a result, and consequent drop, had put them in the relegation zone?

Similarly, games involving clubs in that netherland of twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth places tend to drift aimlessly. But if the twelfth-best team in the country was third in a second division, and therefore gained promotion, what an edge it would give to such fixtures.

Hopefully, whatever decision is made today will not mean that the county game is unaltered. There is no sign of opposition to the plans for one-day cricket, which involve the abolition of the Sunday league and Benson and Hedges Cup and the institution of a 50-overs National League, played on a fixture list of flexible days. This is rightly seen as an improvement: it was also destined to make the long-needed reduction from three to two one-day competitions, until the appalling Super Cup raised its head.

The great majority of the blueprint produced, six weeks ago, by Lord MacLaurin and his chief executive, Tim Lamb, will also be endorsed today. Quite right, too. Diligently prepared, its scope is vast and its potential benefits, in a more coherent structure conducive to the modern game, are immense. Omissions, such as central contracting of England players and, on another level, the abolition of the demeaning and counter-productive benefit system, can and must be addressed separately.

It would be shameful if the thrust of the blueprint was lost, or its lower-level measures threatened, other than by the local difficulties already occupying the northern leagues and second XIs. It remains a monumental document and the game will be the better for it.

If Lord MacLaurin's preference for a two-division championship is defeated, however, there will inevitably be an impression of failure, one that will permeate to the chairman himself. He may consider this a rebuttal of his methods and question whether his position is tenable. If so, the counties will have done themselves a second disservice.

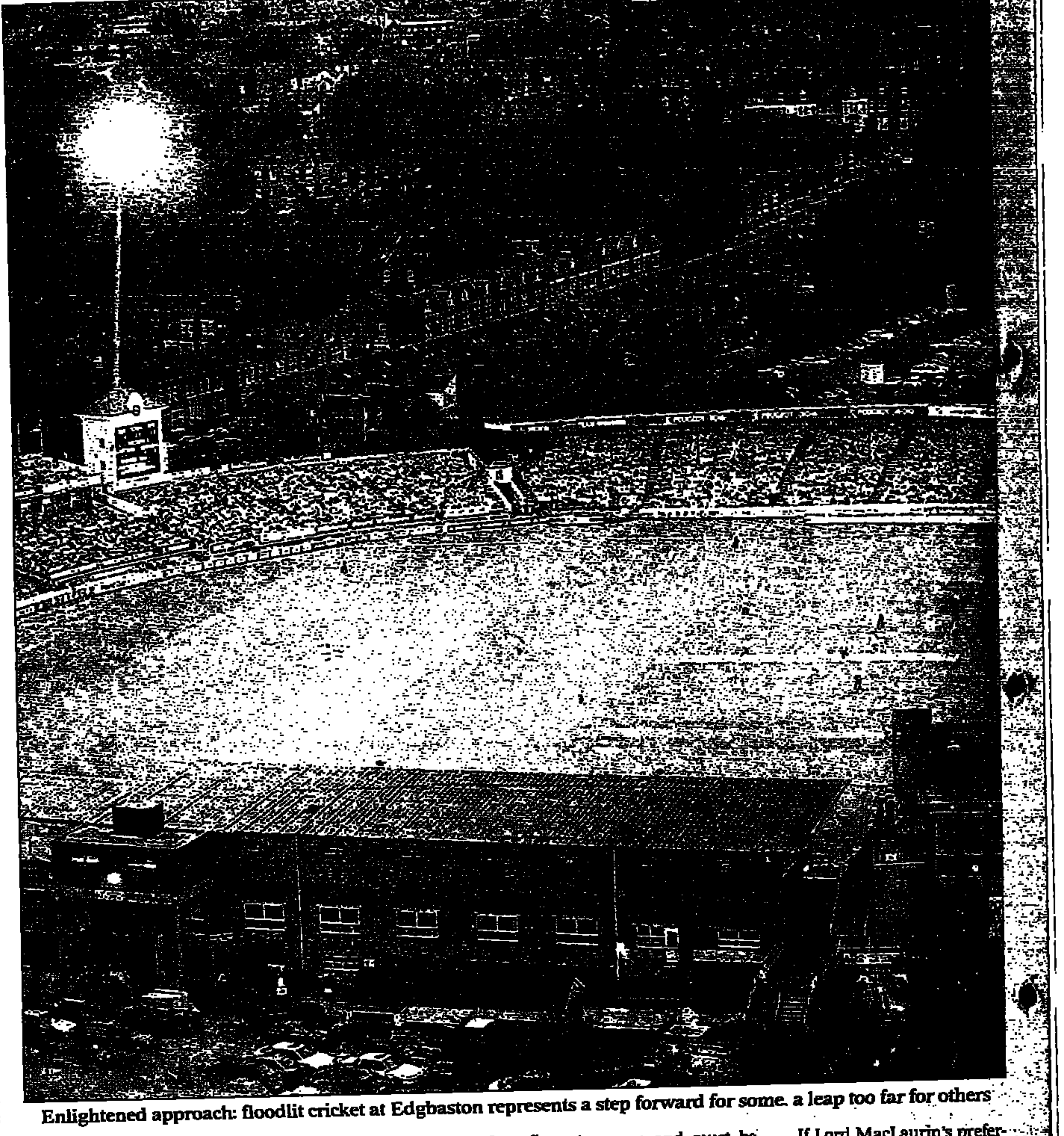
THE PROPOSALS UNDER SCRUTINY TODAY

1. CONFERENCE SCHEME (the original proposal)
County championship divided into three equal conferences with end-of-season play-offs, starting 1998. Sunday League and Benson and Hedges Cup to be scrapped in 1999, replaced by a two-division 50-overs competition with promotion and relegation. As with the other proposals, NatWest Trophy to become the "FA Cup of cricket", expanded to 60 teams.

2. TWO DIVISIONS (new proposal)
A two-division county championship, with nine teams in each, every side playing the others twice; three promoted, three relegated. A two-division 50-overs league, along identical lines to the championship. NatWest Trophy to remain 60 overs per side. Whole programme introduced in 1999, with make-up of divisions decided by finishing positions in 1998.

3. THE RADICAL STATUS QUO (new proposal)
All-play-all county championship, with 18 teams playing the others once for enhanced prize-money. Top-eight finishers qualify for a new knockout cup ("Super Eights") to be played in the first half of the next season; top four receive home ties. Bottom four participate in following season's NatWest Trophy at earlier stage. A two-division 50-overs league and 60-overs NatWest Trophy. Programme introduced in 1999, with 50-overs divisions, Super Eights and NatWest seedings decided by 1998 positions.

4. THE ACTUAL STATUS QUO (not officially a proposal)



Enlightened approach: floodlit cricket at Edgbaston represents a step forward for some, a leap too far for others

Wells honed on competitive edge

THE PROFESSIONAL'S VIEW

Through the rose-tinted reality of his new existence, Alan Wells is vicariously aware of the suffering he has left behind. While Wells has experienced the high life of county cricket this year, with his new club, Kent, pursuing the championship and Sunday league to their conclusion, the county that reared, promoted and finally rejected him is destined to finish bottom of both.

The irony is thought-provoking and Wells shakes his head at the enormity of it. He had not wanted to leave Sussex, indeed had never considered the possibility, but when a sense of pride and injustice drove him to move, he did not envisage how his career would be revitalised and his cricketing perceptions transformed.

It has put him in a peculiarly privileged position to compare the extremes of the county game and to give a players' view on the structural alternatives to be voted on tomorrow. His personal priorities are that cricket must be reduced in volume but increased in competitiveness, and that it must be played on substantially improved pitches.

A year ago, Wells was captaining Sussex through a depressing run-in. They lost five of their last six championship matches and finished in the no man's land of twelfth place. Then they sacked him. "Considering I had given my whole career to the county, I think I deserved more respect," he said.

He discovered he was still a marketable commodity, obtaining a five-year contract with Kent and a rented cottage in the chocolate-box village of Chilham. "But it was a greater upheaval than I had anticipated and it was only a few weeks ago, while I was batting against Essex, that I looked around Canterbury and felt it was home," he said.

Now, for the first time in his career, he is playing in a team sustaining success. At Hove, he became inured to dead months at the end of each season, when his toughest job was to convince those around him that there was something worth playing for. Such lethargy is the bane of the game and Wells appreciates the point all the more now that his circumstances are different.

"I have never completed a season in an atmosphere like this, when every ball means so much, when every day feels like a cup final," he said. "I've had too many seasons ending in mid-table or worse, when, as captain, it is hard to motivate players, no matter what you do. I used to tell them to approach the last two games as if they were the first two of the next season, but it was only a device.

"You drag yourself out of bed when your team is struggling and there is nothing left to play for. When there are trophies to be won, you look forward to every day. Bodies ache all the time at this stage of the season, especially among the fast bowlers, but when you are trying to win the championship you happily put up with it."

Wells would welcome less cricket but more meaningful matches, played on better pitches

Wells believes that the "dead-month syndrome" must be addressed and would happily endorse a two-division system. "It would make things more competitive, give almost every club something to aim for each year," he said. "I also believe we should not be scared of creating an elite. We spread our talent too thinly in this country."

His overriding concern is the amount of cricket. "We have got to protect our England players so they are fresher for Test cricket," he said. "When I look at Dean Headley and Darren Gough, the schedules they have and the injuries they pick up, I feel we should be doing more for them. We must stop being so parochial. We need a structure framed around our Test players, because without a decent Test side we have not got a championship."

Wells is anxious about pitches — "a subject that needs to be put back on the agenda, because they are not improving at all" — and about second-team cricket. "They should play fewer games, over four days on proper pitches," he said. "They need more time between games to correct techniques and they need to feel that every game matters.

"At Sussex, I heard 19-year-olds moaning because they had another day's cricket to play. We'll get nowhere with a structure that creates that kind of attitude." For a man enjoying the champagne days of his career, he has not forgotten what life is like at the beer-and-sandwiches end.

ALAN LEE

Why competition without equal must be retained

JOHN WOODCOCK

argues against change for change's sake

IT SEEMS as though something not unlike the status quo in the county championship will have prevailed when the "multitude of senators" make their way home from Lord's tonight. If so, let no one despair. It will mean, simply, that evolution will have been preferred to revolution, and there is no shame in that. To many, myself included, it will come as rather a relief.

No one could have done more to find the best way ahead than Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth. The soundings that he and his team have taken have been painstakingly thorough. The pity would be if changes were to be made for change's sake. The three-conference idea, propounded in the original blueprint of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) but since rejected, smacked of that.

The concept of two divisions, with promotion and relegation, has obvious attractions, but we shall be getting it in an extended one-day competition. It may come one day to the championship itself. If it does, and so long as four sides go up and four go down, no county should be out of some sort of contention long enough to threaten their existence. We must not have the likes of Sussex going to the wall: they have produced too many splendid and colourful cricketers for that, players who are the very essence of our game.

It is all too easy to argue that England's problems are rooted in the county structure. In times of scarcity, it is standard practice to say so: and the system does, of course, have its defects. Those closest to the action say that towards the end of every season, sides that are out of the reckoning for honours tend to go through the motions.

The way to resurgence, however, lies not in mortification, nor through harassment, whether by administrators of players or by players of players. After the recent one-day wrangle between Essex and Glamorgan, Stuart Law, Essex's talented Australian, said that the incidents that took place were "part and parcel of the game back home". Well, the Australians can keep that. They are different animals over there and, to their eternal advantage, they have a different climate to England's.

Unfortunately, the most important modern Test matches are mostly won by great leg spinners or great fast bowlers, species which are seldom raised — and seldom have been — in this country. That has very little to do with the county structure, or with affluence, or indolence, or even with the national character. It is because of the weather and the pitches.

Far and away the best means of simulating conditions in which, in the long term, England can learn a game to hold them in good stead is by covering the country with artificial pitches, an investment that rates no mention in "Raising the Standard". It is ironic how much more use is made of them in Australia, despite all the sunshine, than in England, despite all the rain.

In much its present form, the county championship has been the heart and voice of the English first-class game for 100 years. There is no competition in the world to match it. The standard of bowling is low at the moment: but so it is in the Sheffield Shield in Australia, the Red Stripe Cup in the Caribbean and the Ranji Trophy in India.

More, though, than with significant surgery or greater truculence or special squads, contracted to the ECB, England's well-being has to start with perceptive coaching and ample opportunities for the young. Finding coaches who really know their stuff is another matter — and a serious problem.

Kent cling on as Glamorgan take pole position in race for title

By Alan Lee

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMENTARY

TWO epic encounters concluded on Saturday and produced a new leader of the Britannic Assurance county championship. With one match remaining, Glamorgan are back on top, but the resolve of the Kent sixth-wicket pair, in denying Yorkshire victory at Headingley, means that the margin is only one point and that the realistic title contenders are now down to two.

In the decisive round, which begins on Thursday and is scheduled for a grand finale next Sunday, Glamorgan will be at Taunton to play Somerset while Kent face Surrey, at Canterbury. Only if neither side emerges with more than three points — in other words, by a freak of weather or a simultaneous collapse of form — can the issue concern the clubs sharing third place, Warwickshire and Yorkshire.

Whatever destiny is decided for the championship at Lord's today, recent days have fully supported two fresh reforms. Four-day cricket, once implacably opposed by most of the counties now busy fighting a two-division split, is mutely accepted as an improved product, while the reintroduction of points for a draw has had the desired effect of stiffening the resistance of teams in trouble.

The Headingley match testified to both advances. It was precisely the type of match that the original proponents of four-day cricket had in mind — tough, unyieldingly competitive and devoid of the contrivance and cheap runs that undermined its three-day predecessor. The fact that it finished drawn was not a failure of the system, but an endorsement. The game was an absorbing contest throughout.

On Saturday, the equation quickly became clear. Yorkshire's two remaining wickets did not delay Kent and the erstwhile leaders set off in pursuit of 240. Time, ostensibly, was on their side, but the weather was as fickle as the pitch and Chris Silverwood was in the same mood that brought him seven wickets in the first innings.

Until recently, this had been a lean summer for Silverwood, so lean that it is easily forgotten that he had toured with England last winter. By last weekend, he had done enough to gain inclusion in the A-team trip for the winter, but, if the selectors had been sitting down today instead, he might have been heading for the Caribbean.

Silverwood does not lack pace — some Kent players believed his short ball was as rapid as anything they have faced all season — but his main virtue is control of direction and command of movement. His line brought him four leg-before decisions — three of them given on Saturday by that instinctive not-outer, Dickie Bird — and he was greatly helped by a supporting spell of sustained accuracy from Paul Hutchison, who will accompany him to Kenya and Sri Lanka after Christmas. Soon after lunch, Kent were 48 for five and, of those waiting to bat, neither Steve Marsh nor Dean Headley were properly fit.

Kent were saved, as so often, by Mark Ealham and Matthew Fleming, who resisted for almost three hours in adding 99. The weather intervened twice, on the second occasion bringing down a grey curtain over what had never been a drab occasion. While Kent were grateful to settle for three points, for Yorkshire, they almost certainly represented an end to their championship dream.

Things were only slightly more straightforward at Cardiff. Glamorgan, having had a substantially worse deal from the weather than Kent this season, must have slept in dread of the forecast heavy showers on Friday night, but they resumed on time and dismissed Ashley Cowan with the second ball of the morning.

Although Essex's tenth-wicket pair added 20, Paul Grayson being left two runs short of a merited century, the target of 149 in more than five hours did not seem daunting — at least until Cowan dismissed the most prolific opening pair in the country, Steve James and Hugh Morris, for a combined score of four. When Adrian Dale fell to Peter Such, Glamorgan were 26 for three and Essex, who had followed on 192 behind, looked capable of an astonishing win. If ever there was a moment for Matthew Maynard to show the responsibility that comes with captaincy, this was it.

Maynard rose to the challenge with an unbeaten 75 in a stand of 124 with the resolute Tony Cottey. Eventually, it seemed comfortable — a seven-wicket margin for Glamorgan's seventh win of the campaign. Few things have been quite as they seem in this championship, but one matter is now certain — if Glamorgan take the maximum 24 points against Somerset, they will win the title for the first time since 1969.

TOP OF TABLE

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Glamorgan (10)	16	7	2	7	46	53	232
Kent (4)	16	7	4	5	43	56	231

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THE FUTURE OF CRICKET: THE TIMES CANVASSES THE OPINIONS OF THE 19 CLUBS THAT WILL DETERMINE THE WAY AHEAD FOR THE GAME

What do the counties want?

The following eight questions were put to each of the 18 first-class clubs and to MCC.

1. **Does your club agree that change is necessary to county cricket?**
2. **Has enough time been given to consider the proposed changes?**
3. **Has your club consulted**
   a) its players
   b) its members on the proposals?
4. **Should more or less**
   a) championship
   b) one-day cricket be played?
5. **Should all one-day cricket be played over 50 overs?**
6. **Have your clubs' views on a two-division championship altered since the publication of "Raising the Standard"?**
7. **Who will represent your club at the meeting on Monday?**
8. **For which of the three proposed schemes will your club vote?**

DERBYSHIRE

1. Yes, providing it is well researched and has a basis for general improvement. Changes have been made in the past that have brought little obvious benefit to the game.
2. No, but it is unlikely that there will be a motion to defer the decision.
3. a) We consulted the captain and the director of cricket.
   b) We had meetings for members at Chesterfield and Derby but that was before the alterations to the report.
4. a) Same as now.
   b) Same as now.
5. No.
6. No.
7. Vic Brownett, chairman, and the acting secretary.
8. All-play-all championship. We are violently opposed to a two-division championship because it will lead to the death of certain county clubs including ourselves.

DURHAM

[illegible]

ESSEX

1. We are for the status quo.
2. Yes.
3. a) Yes.
   b) We did not write to members but many of them wrote with their views.
4. a) We are happy with the amount played now.
   b) Yes, but we would not have been unhappy if the Benson and Hedges Cup were retained next year.
5. No. We would favour a NatWest Trophy of 60 overs played earlier in the season.
6. No. We never liked it and still don't.
7. Peter Edwards, secretary/general manager, and David Acfield, chairman.
8. The committee has decided to support the all-play-all championship and Super Eights plan.

GLAMORGAN

1. Yes. We have been [illegible] for 25 years.
2. Yes. We have been debating for [illegible]
3. a) Yes. b) Yes.
4. a) We are comfortable [illegible] amount of championship cricket. b) There is a lot of feeling that [illegible] should be less one-day cricket.
5. No. If the NatWest Trophy [illegible] FA Cup of cricket, it should [illegible] from other competitions.
6. No.
7. Mike Fatkin, secretary, and [illegible] Davies, cricket chairman.
8. The radical status quo - that is, [illegible] Super Eights option.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

1. Change is not necessary for championship cricket but we are not opposed to alterations to the one-day game.
2. No.
3. We had a members' forum. The captain was present at all our meetings and we spoke to some of our senior players. The members wanted to retain championship cricket as it is.
4. a) The same number of championship matches. b) One-day cricket is about right. The Benson and Hedges Cup starts the season in a nice way.
5. No. That would be boring. The NatWest is the oldest one-day competition. The 60-over format is a very good one.
6. No. We are opposed to two divisions.
7. John Higson, the chairman, and Philip August, secretary.
8. A 17-match championship programme. That has been consistently the club's views. We have never believed that there is some weak cricket.

HAMPSHIRE

1. Yes, on the PR side as much as anything.
2. We think it has been rushed. Our view all along has been that 1998 would be too soon to change.
3. Some players have been consulted and the views of members have been taken into consideration, but we believe the committee is elected to make decisions.
4. We think the present balance is just about right.
5. We are happy that the NatWest trophy is likely to remain a 60-over competition.
6. No. There are some people here who favour two divisions but a bigger faction who do not.
7. Brian Ford, chairman, and Tony Baker, chief executive.
8. Not prepared to say. We never go to meetings mandated. We will listen to the arguments but we are not in favour of the three-conference proposal.

KENT

1. Some change is necessary, although there is a belief that the human element is more important than any structural tinkering.
2. No. The time frame from the presentation of the document to the voting has been too short.
3. Informally consulted both.
4. Generally content with the volume of cricket in both spheres. Kent already operate a squad system, resting players in rotation.
5. Uniformity would be our preference but we have accepted that the NatWest should remain different.
6. The majority of committee always was against two divisions but would have preferred it to the scheme involving equal conferences.
7. The chairman, David Kemp, and the secretary, Stuart Anderson.
8. Decided at a meeting on Wednesday to vote for the championship status quo.

LANCASHIRE

1. Yes.
2. By and large, yes.
3. a) Yes. b) Yes, but without doing a wholesale mailing it is impossible to get a true impression. We took a straw poll at a recent members meeting and an overwhelming majority was in favour of two divisions.
4. a) Less.
   b) It's difficult to give a full answer. The crux of our discussions was championship cricket.
5. Yes.
6. Yes. The original thoughts were to go along with the conference, but to be fair to the committee, it wanted to support the board.
7. Jim Cumbes, acting chief executive, and Geoff Ogden, chairman of the cricket committee.
8. Two divisions.

LEICESTERSHIRE

1. Yes. We would like change.
2. A decision should be made after a reasonable period of reflection, about three or four weeks.
3. a) Yes. We were very strongly opposed to playing 50 overs on a Sunday. But the 50-over game has to be catered for somewhere. b) Yes. We are against 50 overs on a Sunday and against the conference system.
4. a) Certainly not more championship cricket. b) It depends on the length of the games but slightly less would not be detrimental.
5. No, but there should be some.
6. No. We always said we would seriously consider the two divisions, providing that all the counties were given commercial safeguards.
7. Roger Goadby, chairman, and David Collier, chief executive.
8. It is highly unlikely that we would vote in favour of the conference system.

MIDDLESEX

1. A change is definitely necessary.
2. Not enough time has been allowed.
3. We have canvassed both players and members extensively and more than 400 replies were received from members.
4. Roughly the same number of championship matches as now would be desirable but we do not believe that more one-day cricket would be beneficial.
5. We are firm supporters of the existing or an expanded NatWest Trophy based on 60 overs.
6. We are concerned about the lack of information at present available regarding the financial consequences to all clubs of a two-division championship.
7. Alan Moss, chairman, and Joe Hardstaff, secretary.
8. We have not resolved the issue of which way we will vote. We need more financial information.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

1. Not entirely. We have probably got the best structure now.
2. Any change has got to be right. We should delay the introduction until 2000.
3. a) We are consulting the players at the moment. b) The chairman spoke with a wide circle of people, including members. No issue has provided such a talking point.
4. a) There shouldn't be any less championship cricket. b) There are many people in the game who believe that what we've got is the best.
5. No. People new to the game or with young families prefer the shorter 40-over game and with the NatWest people feel it's a proper game of cricket.
6. If we have to change we were prepared to consider the two divisions.
7. Lynn Wilson, chairman, and Steve Coverdale, chief executive.
8. We would probably back the enhanced championship with the Super Eights.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

1. Nottinghamshire is unequivocal that a change is necessary in county cricket.
2. We do not believe that enough time has been allowed for consideration of the proposed changes.
3. Some are of the view that that there may not have been consultation on a wide enough scale.
4. We believe that the game would benefit from less cricket all round.
5. We are firm supporters of the existing or an expended NatWest Trophy based on 60 overs. There should also be room for the 40 over game on Sunday.
6. Nottinghamshire believe two divisions would be the answer.
7. Alan Wheelhouse, chairman, and one other.
8. We are in favour of two divisions.

SOMERSET

1. We do not agree that changes are necessary in county cricket.
2. There has not been enough time to consider proposed changes.
3. Yes, we have consulted both members and players.
4. We would be in favour of more Championship cricket.
5. All-one day competitions should be played over 50 overs.
6. Somerset are opposed to two divisions and their opinions have not changed.
7. Richard Parsons, chairman, and Peter Anderson, chief executive.
8. Somerset will vote for the third option, the current Championship and the Super Eights.

SURREY

1. Yes, changes are needed.
2. There has been enough time.
3. Yes we have consulted both.
4. a) No.
   b) About right.
5. One-day cricket should mostly be played over 50 overs.
6. Our views have not changed.
7. Paul Sheldon, chief executive, and David Soper, chairman.
8. Two divisions.

SUSSEX

1. Of course there will always need to be changes to keep up with modern trends but what we need is not structural change but better management throughout the game.
2. Yes. In general decision-making has been too slow.
3. a) Yes. b) Yes.
4. a) More. b) No, less. We need as much cricket as possible for our young players, bearing in mind that this is not Australia and that a lot of the season can be lost to the weather.
5. No. The greater proportion should be but the 60-over competition is well worth preserving.
6. No. "Raising the Standard" rightly condemns the two-division system.
7. Robin Marlar, chairman, Tony Pigott, chief executive.
8. We will vote for an 18-county championship with rewards and punishments depending upon performance.

WARWICKSHIRE

1. Yes. English cricketers are not competing well enough in county cricket so change is needed.
2. You always want more time but the fixture list for 1998 needs to be organised.
3. Yes to both. Most members agree with our proposals. 95 per cent would like two divisions.
4. a) 16 matches in two divisions would be fine. b) 16 or 17 matches and the NatWest Trophy would be satisfactory.
5. All except the NatWest Trophy, which should be kept at 60 overs.
6. Our stance hasn't changed. Two divisions is long overdue.
7. M.J.K. Smith, the chairman, and Dennis Amiss, chief executive.
8. Two divisions. We are still mandated by our general committee and don't foresee any changes.

WORCESTERSHIRE

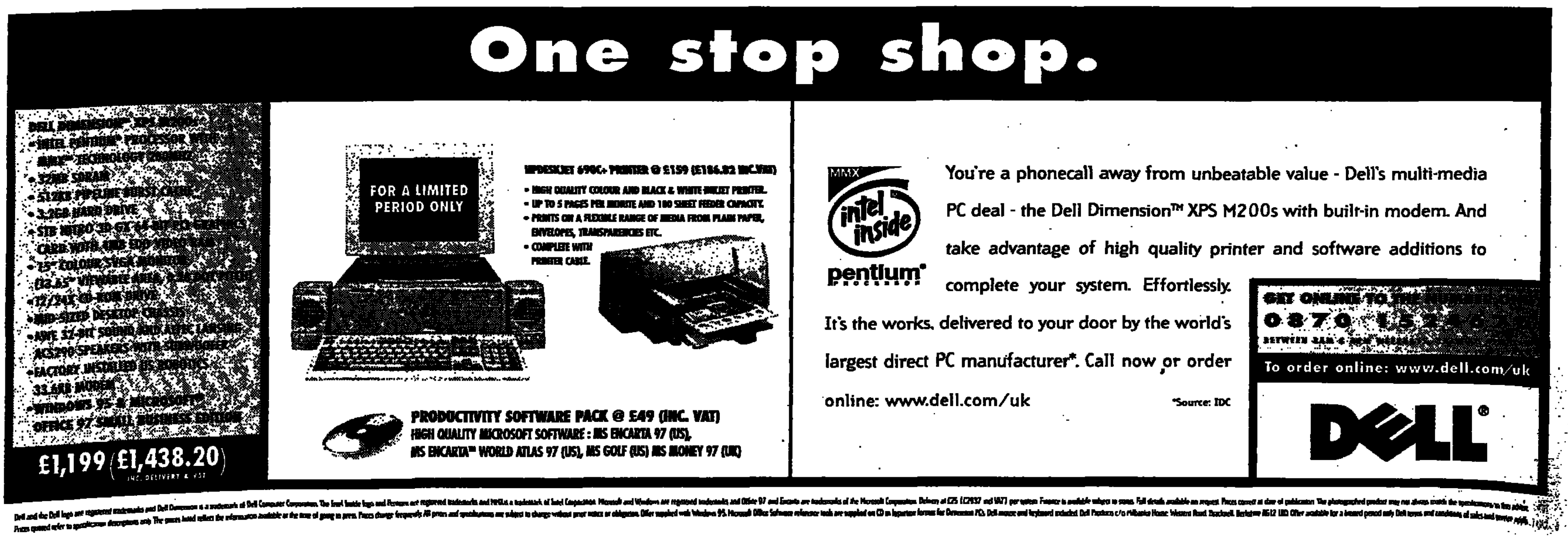
1. We believe change is needed.
2. Sufficient time has been given.
3. a) Yes.
   b) Yes we invited observations via the Sunday League programme, local press and via our newsletter.
4. a) Same as now.
   b) Less.
5. Yes.
6. We have swung towards the two divisions.
7. Duncan Fearnley, chairman, voting and the Rev Mike Vockins, secretary.
8. Option two (two divisions).

YORKSHIRE

1. Unreserved yes.
2. For us, the time has been satisfactory. Some would argue otherwise.
3. Chris Hassell, the chief executive, had a discussion meeting with senior players and a proportion of the membership has been consulted.
4. There should be no reduction in the amount of cricket in either sphere.
5. No. We support the retention of 60 overs for the NatWest Trophy.
6. No. Yorkshire have supported two divisions for some time.
7. Chris Hassell alone. The president, Sir Lawrence Byford, is indisposed.
8. We will vote for two divisions.

MCC

1. Everyone on our committee recognises that some change is necessary.
2. We have known the time structure and consider it reasonable. One can argue that more time is needed but where does it stop? These matters need addressing.
3. No. Most of our members belong to counties as well.
4. Not for the average county player. The anomalies concern England players and their punishing schedules.
5. No. We have supported increasing the 40-overs league to 50 but believe in retaining the 60 overs of the NatWest.
6. We supported a two-divisional structure after a recommendation of the cricket committee but have yet to decide on the newly issued alternatives.
7. Roger Knight, the secretary, and his assistant, John Jameson.
8. This will be decided with senior committee-men prior to the vote.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Arsenal and Leicester depart for Europe in good spirits, while Newcastle face home truth

Dalglish in need of new defence mechanism

NEWCASTLE UNITED 1
WIMBLEDON 3

By David Maddock

THE smile was there and the spring of step as he floated down the steps sweeping away from the main entrance at St James' Park. In fact, the only sign missing to indicate the Spanish observer's delight was a full-blown flamenco dance. But then, he is a Catalan.

The coach from Barcelona would not give his name, but he did suggest that he had "seen enough" of Newcastle United in 90 minutes of action against Wimbledon to leave a happy man. "I don't think I have seen the real Newcastle, but I have seen some weaknesses we can work on," he said.

A bit of an understatement, that. Newcastle entertain Barcelona on Wednesday night in the European Cup Champions' League and, on this performance, they are about as well prepared as an Arctic explorer in swimming trunks.

The weaknesses that the Catalan spy spoke of were in defence and it is hard to see how Kenny Dalglish, the Newcastle manager, can plug such a leaky colander in four days. Never mind Barcelona, if a half-decent pub team were playing at St James' Park this week, they would fancy their chances of scoring.

All three of the goals that Wimbledon scored had assists from errant defenders and the visitors could easily have doubled their total. The first, after just two minutes, allowed Carl Cort, 19, a goal on his debut. From a cross by Ardley, Cort was allowed a header so free that Albert, his marker, was open to the charge of loitering without intent.

The second, on 32 minutes, was equally appalling. From a corner, Perry stood inside the six-yard box and casually directed his header into the net while his marker, this time Barton, stood and admired the delights of an autumn, sun-tinged sky. Admittedly, a gathering north-east sunset is particularly fine, but in your own time, Warren.

Even the third goal was a basic error, although Ekoku deserves credit for the finish that effectively ended the contest. He turned Pistone inside out to fire a vicious rising drive into the roof of the net after 77 minutes and, in doing so, exposed an enduring Newcastle truth: still they have centre halves who cannot defend.

Pistone was well and truly put through the mill by Ekoku. As Robert Lee, his captain, said afterwards: "Sandro found out the true meaning of playing in the Premiership for the first time." The problem for Newcastle is that Albert discovered the meaning years ago and he still cannot cope with it.

Lee added that he hoped the Barcelona spy would go away believing that the performance summed up the real Newcastle, but he is kidding himself. In a way, this was the real Newcastle. Sure, they can play a lot better, but, when it comes to it, they have yet to prove beyond reasonable doubt that they can defend with conviction. Pistone is not a centre half, neither is Albert — and the returning Peacock is not the answer, either.

They can always attack, though, and their best chance on Wednesday lies somewhere within a heady mixture of Asprilla's rare talent and the passion of the St James' Park support. During this match, the fans were eerily subdued, the greatest compliment that could ever be paid to Wimbledon.

The visitors are, of course, no mugs. It has been another difficult start to the season for them, but with Jones back in midfield pulling faces — and other parts of the anatomy —, they have a familiar sense of purpose. They also have some decent players, not least Perry and Gayle, who will no doubt soon be cherry-picked by the envious elite of the Premiership.

This line-up contained no fewer than eight home-grown players. Much is made of Manchester United's youth policy, but when a side that has come through the ranks can play as well as this at such a rarefied level, then someone should stand up and take a bow. Respect, as they probably say in the dressing-room, to Joe Kinnear, the manager, and Sam Hammam, the managing director.

There was only one transgression, *when Barton, a Wimbledon* old boy, popped up on the blind side to steer into the net a Gillespie shot that had been parried by Sullivan. This was a decent Wimbledon performance, though, if not, in Kinnear's words "one of the most complete performances since I came here".

But then Kinnear has every right to get carried away. Such was Dalglish's pain after a comprehensive defeat that when asked whether he would be watching the televised Spanish league game — Barcelona v Deportivo La Coruña — that night, he spat out an emphatic "No". He probably did not want to endure any more nightmares.

NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-4-2): S Given — S Watson, P Albert, A Pistone, J Beresford — K Gillespie (sub: F Asprilla, 63min), R Lee, [illegible] W Barton (sub: [illegible]) — J D Tomasson, I Rush.
WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): N Sullivan — K Cunningham, D Blackwell, C Perry, A Kimble — N Ardley (sub: S Castledine, 40), C Hughes, V Jones, M Gayle (sub: B Thatcher, 64) — E Ekoku, C Cort.
Referee: [illegible]

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Heskey, the Leicester striker, uses his power and pace to torment Tottenham on Saturday

O'Neill remains wary as city is gripped by Spanish high

LEICESTER CITY 3
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR 0

By Peter Robinson

IT WAS the perfect end to a perfect day. In front of 39,000 delirious Basques, Athletic Bilbao claimed an unexpected 1-0 win, courtesy of a ninth-minute goal from Joseba Etxeberria, and punctured the myth of supremacy that had grown up, in double-quick time, around Atlético Madrid. As the result flashed up on Ceefax, there were cheers in living rooms all over a certain corner of the East Midlands.

Leicester, you see, is a city *obsessed. Every bar and restaurant* with a television screen is promising the same Tuesday night special, every travel agent is competing to offer the best deal to the same destination, even The Map Shop has a window devoted to *guides of every description to the* same place, Madrid. Everybody is talking about it.

Until Saturday evening, they were doing so with a *mixture of anticipa*tion and apprehension, of delight that Leicester City, their overlooked and overshadowed Leicester, were flying out to play Atlético in the Uefa Cup — and suspicion about what might actually happen to them when they got there. After all, Atlético had more than held their own in the Madrid derby and then *thrashed Real Valladolid* 5-0, a display that Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, had watched, admired and then probably wished he hadn't. Juninho, Kiko, Lardin, Bogdanovic, all superb, and Vieri, the £12.5 million man, did not play. Even on Saturday, O'Neill was pleading: "We'll give it our best shot, but please don't crucify us if we get hammered."

And that was after Tottenham Hotspur had been, well, hammered themselves in a brief, but glorious, hiatus in the discussion of all things Spanish. It was a performance that O'Neill described in turn as "really good", "magnificent", "brilliant", "absolutely brilliant", "fantastic", "excellent", "terrific" and "absolutely magnificent". He was pleased, "ecstatic" to be precise, but still he was wary of what might happen tomorrow night at the Estadio Vicente Calderón.

Perhaps he was right to be, for Atlético, with £36 million-worth of reinforcements on board since last season, are going to offer a vastly *different challenge to the one half*heartedly proffered by Tottenham at Filbert Street. They were terrible. Okay, they started well enough, but then they got steadily and remorselessly worse.

Lucky to be on level terms at half-time, the woodwork having denied first Heskey and then Marshall, they went a goal down after 54 minutes, Walsh trotting forward to meet Parker's free kick with a free header at the far post, were 2-0 down on 66 minutes, Guppy blasting home a loose ball, and 3-0 in arrears ten minutes after that, Heskey coverting Elliott's superb cross with a shot that Walker was probably better off avoiding. O'Neill expressed polite surprise at Tottenham's performance and *said, quite reasonably, that they* had not been allowed to play anything like as well as they can.

High in the stands, anonymous eyes from Atlético looked on. They saw a side with three huge centre backs, a posse of tidy terriers in *midfield and Heskey in attack* — a big, quick striker who made the *normally peerless Campbell look* second-best. They saw, in O'Neill's word, a decent team. They must have been impressed.

LEICESTER CITY (3-5-2): K Keller — S Prior, M Elliott, S Walsh — P Kaamark (sub: G Fenton, 87min), M Izzet, N Lennon, G Parker, S Guppy (sub: A Cottee, 87) — I Marshall (sub: S Claridge, 73), E Heskey.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (3-4-2-1): I Walker — S Campbell, G Mabbutt, J Scales — S Carr, D Howells, A Nielsen, S Clemence — J Dominguez, D Ginola — L Ferdinand (sub: C Armstrong, 45).
Referee: A Wilkie

Wright sets new target of 200 as suspense ends with a hat-trick

ARSENAL 4
BOLTON WANDERERS 1

By Brian Glanville

AT LAST, we may breathe again. With three out of Arsenal's four goals against Bolton Wanderers at Highbury, Ian Wright, 33, has brought the lingering period of suspense to an end. He has overtaken Cliff Bastin's aggregate record of 178 goals for Arsenal.

True, despite a remarkable striking rate, Wright has 124 league goals to Bastin's 150, plus a dozen *in the FA Cup* to Bastin's 26, but the plenitude Wright has scored in Europe and the League Cup take him up to a grand total of 180. And, as his admiring manager, Arsène Wenger, observed, Wright would now be looking for 200 — and beyond.

Wenger, who modestly dismissed his crucial part, while at AS Monaco, of developing a talent still greater than Wright's in George Weah, praised Wright for his many qualities — his unusual amalgam *of high dynamism* and a cool head in front of goal, his "quick brain in the box", his pace over the first five to ten yards, "the timing of his movement without the ball" and the fact that Wright turned professional only at 23 and until then had largely been playing on the left wing.

"The fans have been fantastic," a relieved Wright said. "I think they even sucked the goals in for me today."

Two of those goals were excellent *and he could well have had others.* With Arsenal surprisingly a goal down with 22 minutes gone, Wright was set up by Petit and Bergkamp, roared in from the right and beat Branagan from an acute angle.

His second, three minutes later, was a good deal easier and Bolton claimed he had been guilty of obstruction before he scored it.

In the event, Bergkamp — who Wenger thought was below his best, but still did exquisite things in flashes — went off in a powerful solo run. Branagan blocked his shot, Vieira swooped, the ball ran loose to Wright and in it went.

For his third goal, nine minutes from time, Wright exploited an inspired diagonal pass from David Platt, the substitute, steering his shot in almost casually.

The other Arsenal goal, just before half-time, came when Bergkamp beat Frandsen and served Parlour, who had previously hit a post. Parlour's shot, heavily deflected off Phillips, found Branagan wrong-footed.

Wenger, justifiably, was not satisfied with his defence. It was found badly wanting when Bolton so surprisingly went into the lead on 14 minutes. Pollock found Alan Thompson, who played a ball out left to Nathan Blake, whose pace was always a threat to Arsenal's back four. Blake sprinted across and Thompson, making ground into the box, got his head to the ball. Seaman stretched, put a hand to it, but could not stop it entering the net.

In the second half, Blake was twice clean through in the opening ten minutes. Chasing Sellars's *through* pass, he left Grimandi *standing*, ending with a shot that Seaman saved.

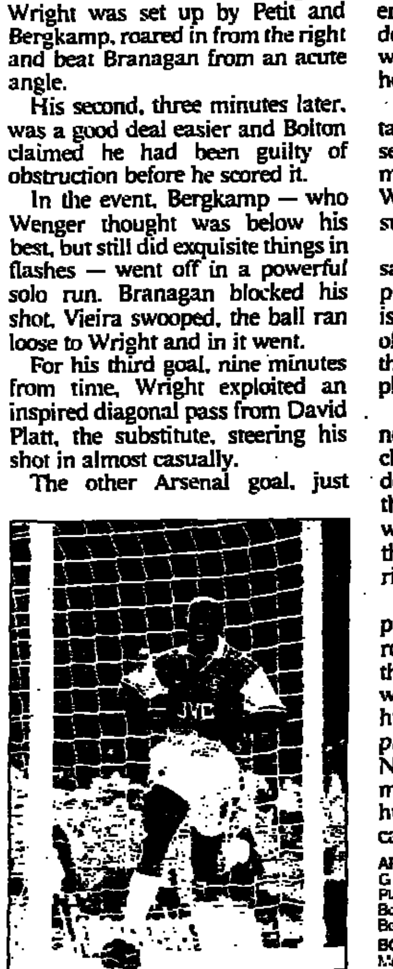
Two minutes later, he was quicker than Seaman when the home defence split again, but his shot went just wide. Overall, however, he was ploughing a lonely furrow.

Wenger emphasised *how impor*tant it was for a striker to get good service from midfield. Arsenal's midfield is hardly inventive, but Wright at least has Bergkamp to supply him.

Colin Todd, the Bolton manager, said wistfully: "*When you come to* places like this, the important thing is you get off to a good start. We got off to an excellent start, but I think the reputation of certain Arsenal players got to our players."

Bolton, just promoted and with a new stadium to celebrate it, will clearly do well not to go straight down again. As for Arsenal, despite their strong start, they have a worrying lack of depth. Not for them Chelsea's embarrassment of riches.

Tomorrow, in Salonica, Arsenal play PAOK in a Uefa Cup first-round, first-leg match in which they must do without Bergkamp, who will not fly. Who can replace him? Asked whether it might be the *precocious 18-year-old Frenchman*, Nicolas Anelka, Wenger said it might. But the burden would be huge. It looks as if Wright must carry most of it.



Wright: broke Bastin's record

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, S Bould, G Grimandi, N Winterburn — R Parlour (sub: D Platt, 78min), E Petit, P Vieira, M Overmars (sub: L Boa Morte, 78) — I Wright (sub: N Anelka, 83), D Bergkamp.
BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): K Branagan — S McAnespie (sub: A Todd, 48), G Taggart, G Bergsson, J Phillips — A Thompson, S Sellars, P Frandsen, J Pollock — N Blake, P Beardsley (sub: A Gunnlaugsson, 68).
Referee: N Barry

Gullit's permutations reveal winning lines

CRYSTAL PALACE 0
CHELSEA 3

By Matthew Dickinson

GRAEME LE SAUX said it on Friday, Mark Hughes on Saturday and you can bet Gianluca Vialli's *weekly wage that* someone at Stamford Bridge will recite it into a microphone before the week is out. "We feel we are on the brink of something *special*," the Chelsea mantra goes and, after four consecutive and comprehensive victories, it appears to be catching.

The trouble is that Chelsea seem to have always been on the brink of *something, be it triumph or disaster*, so after years of standing on the threshold, why should now be any different? Fifteen goals for and two against since the aberration at Coventry City provide a compelling answer.

Ruud Gullit, the coach, has yet to use the same two strikers in consecutive games and at Selhurst Park on Saturday he shuffled again to pair the gangly Norwegian, Tore Andre Flo, with Hughes. It is a measure of Chelsea's strength that only they and Manchester *United feel equipped to employ a rotating* squad system.

Enhancing Chelsea's championship credentials was the sight of Vialli, Zola and Di Matteo stretching weary limbs on the touchline as their team-mates rang rings around Crystal Palace, Gullit deciding that journeying from Tbilisi to London via Milan and Rome was poor preparation for an encounter not always played within the laws, as Hughes's battered calves would no doubt demonstrate.

A wretched Palace were submerged by *wave after wave of Chelsea attacks, despite* the Italian contingent being saved for the battles ahead, but Saturday's performance was no more an accurate barometer to Chelsea's ability to stay the course than a pre-season friendly against *Halifax* — which is exactly how it must have felt at times. Hughes scored with a beautiful volley from Leboeuf's perfectly-measured 50-yard pass, *the Frenchman* struck from the penalty spot after Petrescu had been fouled and Le Saux made up for striking the post in the first half by burying a ferocious drive in the final seconds.

If Chelsea really do have what it takes to worry United, they can prove it over the next three weeks. As well as Cup-Winners' Cup meetings with Slovan Bratislava, they face FA Carling Premiership matches against Arsenal, Manchester United, Newcastle and Liverpool.

"Before, people said that we could not beat the weaker teams," Gullit said. "Now we have done that, they say 'Ah, yes, but let's see how you get on against the likes of Arsenal, Liverpool and United'. All I know is that this team is getting better and better *and they are starting to realise how good* they can be."

It would not be fair to conclude any report of Saturday's match without a mention for poor Attilio Lombardo, who trudged off to receive Vialli's commiserations. Palace's bald midfield player deserves every penny of his considerable salary, but what he would give just to be a Chelsea substitute.

CRYSTAL PALACE (5-3-2): K Miller — [illegible] (sub: [illegible] 74min), D Tuttle, A Roberts, A Linighan, [illegible] — A Lombardo, N Emblen (sub: [illegible]), [illegible] — B Dyer (sub: D Freedman, 59), N Shipperley.
CHELSEA (4-4-2): E de Goey — [illegible], M Duberry, F Leboeuf, G Le Saux — D Petrescu, [illegible], [illegible], G Poyet — T A Flo, M Hughes.
Referee: G Ashby

Everton made to pay for their ill-discipline

DERBY COUNTY 3
EVERTON 1

By Keith Pike

THEY say you should never go back, but they omitted to tell Howard Kendall, which might be seen as an oversight. *His third spell in* charge of Everton has so far produced precious little magic and while no supporter in their right mind expected him to recreate *immediately the heady* days and harmony of the mid-Eighties, neither can they have anticipated seeing their side in such sorry shape so soon.

Not that they played badly on Saturday, when, for the first 25 minutes or so of each half, they were much the better team, but every time it seemed that they had Derby County stretched to breaking point, it was Everton themselves who snapped. A match that might so easily have been won instead earned them merely six bookings, one sending-off and the defeat that sent them into the bottom three of the FA Carling Premiership.

It is a safe bet that Everton's dismal form away from Goodison Park — and they are hardly invincible there, either — was troubling Kendall far more on his *journey home than the ill-discipline that* was a significant factor in their defeat at Pride Park. Since winning at the Baseball Ground before Christmas last year, they have been struck down by acute travel-sickness, with five draws and 27 goals conceded in 13 attempts. Kendall laid the blame for this latest setback at the door of the referee's changing-room.

"It is very difficult for players who are passionate, who want to win, not to show their displeasure," he said after Speed, Stuart and Bilic had been cautioned for *dissent by Mike Riley, who also dismissed* Hinchcliffe for a clear-cut professional foul on Baiano. Told that Graeme Souness and Bryan Robson have been fined for criticism of the Leeds official, Kendall said: "I am not *going to get fined. All I* will say is that they are good judges."

Very cute, of course, and few could dispute that Derby did indeed appear to get the bene*fit of the doubt over* every contentious decision. But does Kendall really think that his players' energies are best expended on angry, futile pursuit of a *referee*? Derby could not believe their luck. "The two goals we scored in the first half came from the only bits of football we played and our third came when Everton were on top," Jim Smith, the Derby manager, conceded.

When they concentrated on the matter in hand, Everton played with commendable purpose and panache, Ferguson setting up Stuart for the goal that cancelled out the lead given to Derby by Hunt. The opener was a moment that neatly encapsulated the visitors' day: Hunt would not have been playing had Eranio been fit and his header needed a *deflection to beat Southall.*

Then, after Chris Powell's superbly-taken goal had restored Derby's advantage, Barmby, Cadamarteri and Ferguson, whose header was cleared off the line, should have scored. By this time, though, Everton were distracted to the point of self-destruction by Riley and instead it was Sturridge who made the game safe for Derby.

DERBY COUNTY (3-5-2): M Poom — [illegible], I Stimac, J Laursen — G Rowett, J Hunt (sub: D Powell, 88min), A Asanovic (sub: P Trollope, 59), L Carsley (sub: R van der Laan, 46), C Powell — P Baiano, D Sturridge.
EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — E Barrett (sub: N Barmby, 57), C Short, S Bilic, A Hinchcliffe — G Stuart, D Williamson, G Speed, J Oster — D Ferguson, M Branch (sub: D Cadamarteri, 11).
Referee: M Riley

Harsh learning process for newcomer Jones

COVENTRY CITY 1
SOUTHAMPTON 0

By Russell Kempson

POST-MATCH inquests among supporters tend to veer between wild elation and grudging realism. "Good win, we deserved it and, look, we're up to eighth in the table," the Coventry City fan said, as he discussed the victory against Southampton on Saturday. His friend was not fooled. "Yeah, you're right," he said, "but we're still only four points clear of the relegation zone."

Such is life at Highfield Road. However much Coventry might crave a quiet, respectable existence in the FA Carling Premiership, far removed from their annual struggle for survival, it is an accepted if unpalatable fact that they cannot compete with the big boys and never will. They can dine at the top table only if *they feed on the scraps.*

Southampton face a similar, perennial predicament and have the extra burden this season of a new manager learning his trade in the rarefied air and exposed environment of the Premiership. David Jones might have taken Stockport County into dreamland five months ago, but he is already sleeping uneasily at the higher level.

"We've got to shake ourselves out of it, we're just not clicking," Jones said. "It's not the best way for me to start in the Premiership, it's a lot tougher everywhere you play, but I still believe in myself and the team. We've just got to keep going together."

Eighth place may be something of a false dawn, but at least Coventry appear to have a base on which to build. Gordon *Strachan is only marginally* ahead of Jones in terms of managerial experience in the Premiership, but the trials of the past ten months have taught him plenty. "It's great to see the players progressing," he said. "That's what's happening here."

Coventry should have won at a canter. Although Williams collected his fifth booking of the season in only six matches and *Dublin* wasted, at a conservative estimate, seven goalscoring opportunities, they frequently sliced through the Southampton defence as if it barely existed.

Even *Richardson*, who switched allegiances four days earlier, was unable to stem the tide. He might have known the various weaknesses of his former team-mates, but he was unable to take advantage of them: the experienced midfielder spent most of his time trying to cover up the various weaknesses of his new team-mates.

Favourable counts of 7-1 on corners and 14-5 on shots illustrated Coventry's first-half superiority, even though Southampton went closest when Oakley's curling drive *cannoned off the crossbar*. Dublin also struck the woodwork, with a header from McAllister's corner, shortly after the interval.

Soltvedt eventually succeeded, in the 65th minute, where everybody else had failed, guiding in his shot nicely from *close* range after neat work from Nilsson and Dublin. Eighth place, indeed, but relegation is never far away from the Coventry consciousness.

COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2): S Ogrizovic — R Nilsson, R Shaw, P Williams, D Burrows — P Telfer, G McAllister, T E Soltvedt, J Salako — D Huckerby, D Dublin.
SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): P Jones — J Dodd, K Monkou, C Lundekvam, L Todd — [illegible] (sub: S Johansen, 69min), [illegible] (sub: [illegible], 69), K Richardson, M Oakley — M Evans, E Ostenstad (sub: K Davies, 46).
Referee: U Rennie

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United rise without hitting peak

Scholes can provide finishing touch to European adventure

MANCHESTER UNITED 2
WEST HAM UNITED 1

By Oliver Holt
Football Correspondent

THE woman was in her late thirties. Her hair was peroxide blonde. Her face was long and thin, disturbed only by its strong, jutting cheekbones. Her companion stood beside her, small and stocky. His hair was short, almost in a crew cut, a little spiky. His hands were thrust deep into the pockets of a long overcoat and he kept them there as he talked.

As the rest of the Old Trafford crowd filtered away, they remained, staring at the pitch and at the East Stand, a mass of metal rising into the sky opposite them. They looked for all the world like extras from a Bond movie, the types who linger in half-lit doorways or sprout blades from the points of their shoes.

These, though, were strictly workaday spies. When the stadium was empty and the players had begun to emerge from the tunnel below to do their radio interviews, the woman, an interpreter, translated for the man, whose name was Miroslaw Miklos. He was the commercial director of FC Kosice, the Slovakian team that United play in their opening European Cup Champions' League match on Wednesday.

He spoke of how the match was the biggest event that had happened in the country since its secession from the old Czechoslovakia and how his club had gained the respect that had hitherto been denied them when they beat Spartak Moscow in the qualifying round for the Champions' League last month. Because Kosice's stadium was being renovated, he said that the game would be played at the ground of Lokomotiv Kosice, the Lok stadium, which had a capacity of 9,500.

He was too canny to venture any predictions on the outcome of the match, certainly not foolish enough to forecast an upset. Before he turned to leave, though, he said that he would be taking away one outstanding impression of the game that he had just seen. "I expected a much bigger difference between Manchester United and West Ham," he said.

The difference on Saturday was that West Ham failed miserably to take their chances, whereas Scholes, one of England's midweek heroes against Moldova, linked up again with Beckham to grasp the opportunity he was given to score United's winner and send them back to the summit of the FA Carling Premiership.

United, though, were still far from their imperious best. Keane, as Alex Ferguson, the United manager, pointed out afterwards, was "absolutely magnificent" throughout, but Giggs, who is suffering from a hamstring niggle, was fitful and unproductive and, in attack, Cole looked out of place amidst the rich talent around him.

United have managed to remain unbeaten this season without ever producing the football that they are capable of. At the moment, that appears to be more than good enough for domestic competition, even though they rode their luck against a West Ham side that has improved immeasurably since last season and are all the richer for the addition of Berkovic just behind the front two. In Europe, though, even against Kosice, the standard will be higher.

Although he could never admit it, Ferguson must be worried about the toothlessness of his attack, especially in the absence of Sheringham, in European games, where every chance must be seized. Cole, who has only occasionally looked like the rapier that United's midfield creativity deserves, missed an open goal in the eighteenth minute on Saturday when he swung at Keane's cross and failed to make contact. Such is the perversity of football, of course, that he will probably score the winner in Slovakia.

United's winner against West Ham was a simple goal. After Poborsky and Beckham had worked the ball across the width of the pitch from left to right in the 75th minute, Gary Neville's cross was headed out to Beckham. He controlled it with his first touch, then curled in a cross with his second. Scholes ran in behind his marker and headed the ball past Miklosko.

Even after that, Kitson, West Ham's guilty man all afternoon, spurned two golden chances to secure a share of the points. In the eightieth minute, he ran on to Hartson's pass but let the ball run away from him at the last second and prodded a weak shot wide and, two minutes from the end, he forced his way in front of Pallister but failed to make any significant contact with Unsworth's cross with the goal at his mercy.

West Ham had achieved what no other team this season had managed when Hartson pounced on a weak headed backpass by Pallister in the thirteenth minute, rounded Schmeichel and slipped the ball into the net. It was the first goal that United had conceded in nearly 12 hours of football.

Two minutes after that, though, Kitson should have extended West Ham's lead when he was played through by Berkovic, but he hit his shot too close to Schmeichel and allowed the Dane to save. Midway through the half, Keane equalised with a deflected shot and the rest was down to Scholes.

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — G Neville, H Berg, G Pallister, P Neville — D Beckham, N Butt, R Keane, R Giggs (sub: K Poborsky, 68min) — A Cole (sub: B McClair, 90), P Scholes.
WEST HAM UNITED (3-4-1-2): L Miklosko — S Potts, R Ferdinand, D Unsworth — T Breacker, J Moncur (sub: F Lampard, 81), S Lomas, M Hughes — E Berkovic — J Hartson, P Kitson.
Referee: D Elleray.

Gary Neville, left, and Beckham join Keane in celebrating the United captain's equaliser. Photograph: Gary M. Prior / Allsport

Wednesday wilt as Ince casts giant shadow over Anfield

LIVERPOOL 2
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY 1

By Mark Hodkinson

THE smile, the clenched fists, a stare that would turn hardened criminals ashen: Paul Ince is back. While all around him was faint-hearted and faltering, Ince was magnificent among the malaise at Anfield.

He scored, of course, but otherwise he did very little of note with the ball. His contribution to the game is insidious. His is a shadow of doom and it was cast long over Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday. As the ball pinged erratically through midfield, the Wednesday players wore a haunted look as if, at any second, Ince would strike and rob them of the ball, their legs and, perhaps, their dignity.

"There is a kind of awe about Ince," David Pleat, the Wednesday manager, said. "He was the strongest in midfield today. You have to battle back and be tough with him." In the circumstances, it would be right to say that Wednesday were awestruck.

Inevitably, the first incident of note was a booking for Ince, who snapped his boot into the calf of Nicol. As Nicol lay on the ground, Ince stood over him, shouting and waving his arms. The trainer was called, though no one was sure whether this was to tend to Nicol or to wipe the froth away from Ince's shirt.

Liverpool were worryingly out of rhythm in the first half. Thomas and Ince were reading different scripts in midfield, while using three central defenders looked an elaborate tactic against the team with scant attacking options. Des Walker, who is again showing the form that made him an England regular, marshalled Owen superbly, though the teenager's potential remains obvious.

The midfield's dearth of invention caused Liverpool's defenders to send long balls in the general direction of Owen and Riedle. A goal was essential to calm an increasingly nervous team and it came after a hectic goalmouth scramble. Ince emerged with his fist in the air and, as the Kop saluted the goal, he waved his forefinger knowingly to the crowd. This burgeoning rapport between Ince and the Liverpool supporters will cause much gnashing of teeth along the M62 at Old Trafford.

As he had been in the corresponding FA Carling Premiership fixture last season, McManaman was stalked by Atherton, but he has clearly picked up a few defensive tips. He made a sliding tackle on his marker and Thomas brilliantly placed the loose ball beyond Pressman, who had made a series of wonderful saves, for Liverpool's second goal.

In a rare attack, Wednesday scored when Collins deflected a cross from Di Canio past James. The visitors tried to rally, but their formation was too rigidly defensive. It could not be adapted to take advantage of this sudden opportunity to retrieve the match.

Ince was blunt about his role in the victory. "It's my job to lift the team and get us going when we are not playing well," he said. He is a player of limited vision and negligible dribbling skills, but he has a charisma that is the antithesis of, say, McManaman or Fowler. He draws air from a game, brings belligerence to beauty. He will either succeed splendidly at Anfield, or fail spectacularly. Paul Ince and half-measures are somehow incongruous.

LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2): D James — B T Kvarme, M Wright, S Harkness (sub: D Matteo, 30min) — R Jones (sub: J McAteer, 89), P Ince, M Thomas, S I Bjornebye — S McManaman — M Owen, K Riedle (sub: P Berger, 75).
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-2): K Pressman — I Nolan, D Walker, J Newsome, S Nicol (sub: L Briscoe, 67) — G Whittingham, P Atherton, J Magilton, M Pembridge (sub: W Collins, 75) — P Di Canio, D Hirst.
Referee: G Poll.

Barnsley's meek resistance lets Villa flatter to deceive

BARNSLEY 0
ASTON VILLA 3

By Richard Hobson

IT WAS almost as though Barnsley had signed a secret treaty of co-operation with Aston Villa designed to confuse the delegation of scouts from Bordeaux. The home side could not have been more compliant in this exercise of bluff.

"Watch out for those marauding runs from midfield by Mark Draper. And Stan Collymore, such an unselfish player in the attacking third." If Guy Stephan and Ele Baup, the Bordeaux manager and his assistant, heed the evidence of Saturday, then this will form the basis of their briefing before the Uefa Cup first-round first-leg tie in France tomorrow.

Brian Little, the Villa manager, said afterwards that he could not think beyond the immediate necessity to acquire points for a domestic challenge. "Two weeks ago, when we were due to play Leeds United having lost our first four games, people were asking what the heck was going on. It looks a bit different now," Little said. But, yes, he supposed, the preparation could have been worse.

This was Villa's best performance of the season, without question. Collymore and Yorke gelled, the midfield prospered and successive clean sheets suggest that the defensive failings of the opening month have been corrected. How Danny Wilson, the Barnsley manager, must envy his counterpart.

Wilson is not a man to barbecue his side simply because of a defeat, but then this was no ordinary loss. "Our defending was absolutely pathetic for all three goals," he said. "It looked as though we were worried about the reputations of some of their players, but if we are going to be intimidated by big names, then we are in trouble, because there are an awful lot of them in this league."

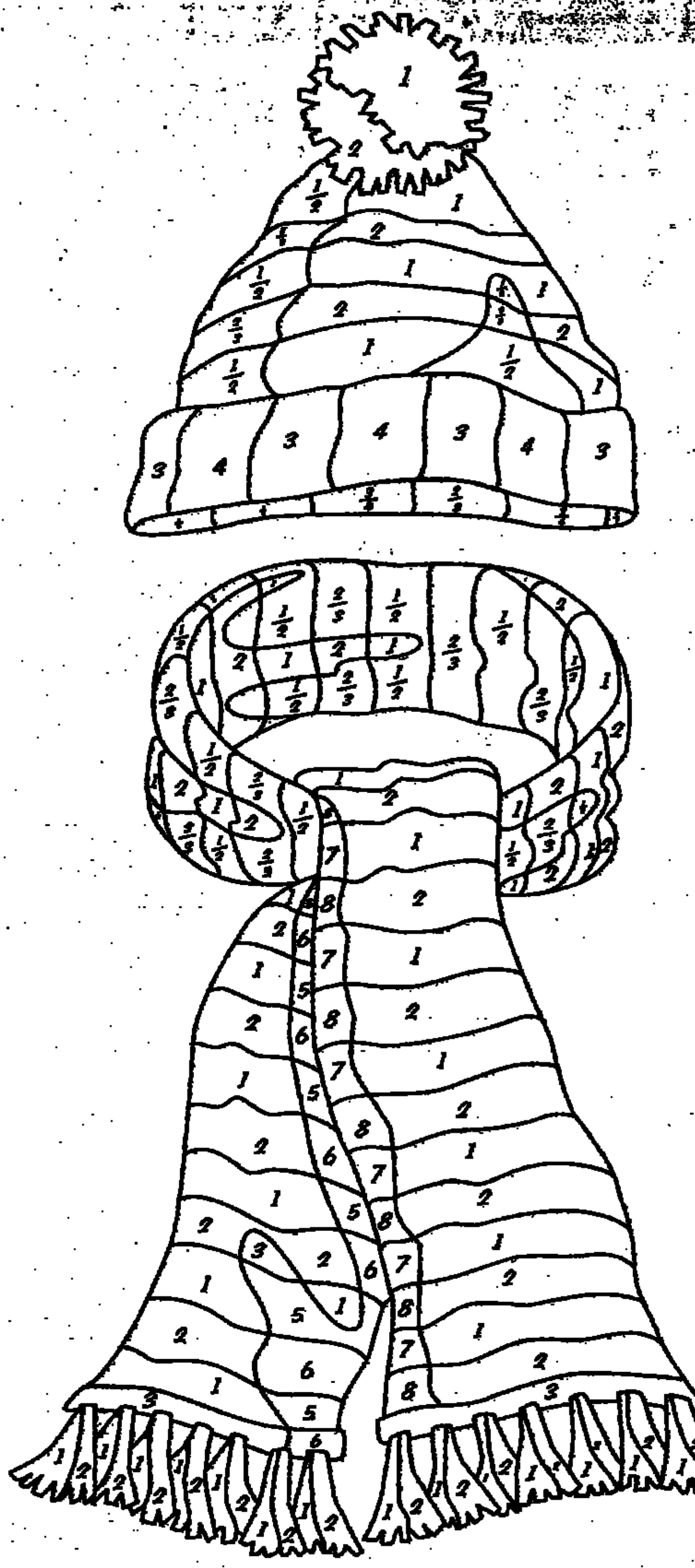
He is entitled to worry. The best of sides are excused the occasional off-day, but, when they are consistently slower in thought, then a longer-term conclusion — and a grimmer one — can be drawn. Perhaps the gap between the Nationwide League and the FA Carling Premiership is too wide for Barnsley to bridge after all.

Failure to clear a corner allowed Ehiogu to send the ball beyond Leese via a deflection in the 26th minute and Draper, without a league goal for two years, missed two opportunities before he broke ahead of Tinkler to meet a Collymore pass and shoot underneath the advancing goalkeeper.

Collymore rattled a free kick against the bar and Yorke shot over from close range as chances mounted. Both strikers were spoilt by the room they were given behind the Barnsley back three, while the runs of Draper and Taylor went largely unchecked. Taylor sealed victory when he converted a low cross by Yorke.

Southgate confirmed afterwards that he is taking legal advice after Dr George Sik, a psychologist brought in by Villa to improve communication between players and management, questioned his wisdom in taking the infamous penalty against Germany in the European championship, during a talk to the British Association for the Advancement of Science last week. Sik had suggested that Southgate, in general, tended towards pessimism. It was not immediately apparent here.

BARNSLEY (3-5-2): L Leese — A de Zeeuw, M Appleby, A Moses — N Eaden, E Tinkler (sub: D Sheridan, 67min), N Redfearn, A Liddell (sub: M Bullock, 64), D Barnard — A Ward, G Hristov (sub: L Ten Heuvel, 69)
ASTON VILLA (3-5-2): M Bosnich — U Ehiogu, S Staunton (sub: R Scimeca, 76), G Southgate — F Nelson, I Taylor (sub: S Curcic, 80), M Draper, S Grayson, A Wright — D Yorke, S Collymore.
Referee: G Barber



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FOOTBALL

Reid dishes out lesson in initiative

Birmingham City 0
Sunderland 1

By Russell Kempson

TREVOR FRANCIS, the Birmingham City manager, has fond memories of Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager. Reid was Francis's second signing after he had taken charge of Queens Park Rangers at the start of his managerial career. "He was a great lad and we've become good friends over the years," Francis recalled in his match programme notes.

At St Andrew's yesterday, the teacher was turned over by his former pupil. Reid's Sunderland were always the more organised, imaginative and willing to try something different, no matter that they were a long way from home.

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Birmingham rarely looked like extending their unbeaten sequence of 17 league and cup matches, which began last season, and ran out of ideas long before the end of an unattractive and frequently niggly encounter. Although a 0-0 draw would have been enough to take them to the top of the Nationwide League first division, they barely deserved to attain such heights.

Francis had anticipated a scrap. "Sunderland were exactly what I expected," he said. "They were very well prepared and totally committed. At times, they were too powerful for some of our lads.

"We knew it was not going to be particularly entertaining and that we would have to grind out a result. I consider we've dropped only one point because we were never going to win it. Having said that, we should have still got the draw."

Such negative thoughts appeared to have filtered through to his players. Even McCarthy, making his debut after a £1.5 million move from Port Vale in midweek, failed to make any significant impression in a dull first half enlivened only by a series of spikey challenges and five bookings.

"I felt a bit sorry for the television people," Reid said. "They certainly wouldn't have had many highlights to show at half-time." Ord's misdirected header, cleared off the goalline by Gray, was one of the few better moments.

Sunderland have taken a while to adjust to life outside the FA Carling Premiership, but relegation does not seem to have left too many scars, to judge from their third successive victory. Clark, cast aside by Newcastle United during the summer, was responsible for most of the creative work on view, while the busy Gray could never be left alone for too long.

Phillips — another close-season recruit, from Watford — also kept the Birmingham defence on full alert until retiring early with a groin muscle injury. "It's his abductor," Reid said, "you know, like the person who works on the buses."

Good humour was in similarly short supply in the second half, with John Kirkby, the referee, adding the name of Kevin Francis to his collection. At least a goal arrived, in the 72nd minute, when Smith flicked on Williams's throw-in and Gray drove into the net.

Reid, though, was not entirely satisfied. "If you don't play that well, the least you should look for is to be hard to beat," he said. "That's what we were."

BIRMINGHAM CITY (4-4-2): I Bennett — D Wassall, S Bruce (sub: M Johnson, 64min), G Ablett, M Granger — J McCarthy, B Hughes, M O'Connor (sub: C Holland, 80), P Ndlovu (sub: K Francis, 71) — P Furlong, P Devlin

SUNDERLAND (3-5-2): L Perez — C Makin, R Ord, A Melville — D Williams, A Johnston, K Ball, L Clark, M Gray — M Smith (sub: A Rae, 88), K Phillips (sub: J Mullin, 53)

Referee: J Kirkby.

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Gray, of Sunderland, celebrates the goal that was enough to inflict a home defeat on Birmingham City yesterday

Cambridge forced to break Abbey habit

Cambridge United 1
Barnet 3

By Nick Szczepanik

THE Abbey Stadium, according to a recent study, is the most welcoming of all 92 English league grounds for visiting supporters, who can enjoy sympathetic stewarding, clean toilets and excellent bacon sandwiches. On Saturday, followers of Barnet also saw their team become the first this season to experience any hospitality on the Abbey pitch as they ended Cambridge United's run of three successive victories there with a convincing win of their own.

With Barnet having been overwhelmed 5-1 by Peterborough United six days earlier, John Still's team clearly returned to Cambridgeshire in no mood to suffer a repeat. "Our best performance of the season," Still said. "It was a freak result last week. We're a new team trying to work a certain way and we'll have ups and downs because it's a learning process. We all have a bad day at the office; it's a fact of life."

In a first half of scarcely believable dullness, nothing the home side did explained how they had risen to the leading positions in the Nationwide League third division. Their defence, for instance, fell apart in the 39th minute as Devine's flick provided Charlery with more than enough space to put Barnet ahead.

Devine got the second and had a weak penalty saved by Barrett before Heald headed Barnet's third, leaving Taylor to poke in a late goal for Cambridge that consoled nobody, least of all Roy McFarland, the manager.

"It's put us on our backsides, but that might be a good thing at this stage," he said. "In the first 20 minutes, we looked as if we thought we'd stroll it. Three goals flattered Barnet, but they could have got four." Or five, or six — but that would have been taking hospitality a bit too far.

CAMBRIDGE UNITED (3-4-1-2): S Barrett — Marc Joseph, C Foster (sub: D Preece, 78min), J Campbell — B Chenery, J Rees, P Wanless, P Wilson — M Butler — M Kyd (sub: D Williamson, 65), J Taylor

BARNET (3-1-4-2): L Harrison — G Heald, L Howarth, J Ford — W Goodhind — S Stockley, P Simpson, U Onwere, M Harle — K Charlery (sub: D Samuels, 52), S Devine

Referee: A D'Urso

Ware double wrecks Morecambe record

By Walter Gammie

A 3-1 home defeat by Hednesford Town ended the unbeaten record enjoyed by Morecambe, the Vauxhall Conference leaders, on a day that produced a hectic 5-5 draw between Rushden and Diamonds and Farnborough Town and further underlined the unpredictable feel to the early weeks of the season.

It was a matter of time before Hednesford's close-season recruitment brought rewards, with Paul Ware, signed from Stockport County, scoring two of the goals. If Rushden can take any consolation from three times losing the lead, it is that four of their goals were scored by Adrian Foster, recruited in the close season from Hereford United and making his first full appearance after a toe injury.

Morecambe's slip-up means that Halifax Town are the sole unbeaten side, although they were one of ten Conference clubs engaged in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup on Saturday.

They came through safely, 4-1 winners over Droylesden at The Shay, but two Conference teams came unstuck. Telford United were beaten 2-1 by Bedworth United, of the Dr Martens League, at Bucks Head and Leek Town fell 1-0 at Winsford United, of the UniBond League. Leek, trailing to a first-half header by Paul Wheeler, wasted a chance to force a replay when Steve Soley's penalty was saved by Andy Oakes.

Bedworth's victory, courtesy of second-half goals by Paul Corden and Robbie Beard, was a welcome tonic for a club whose survival was guaranteed only by supporters forming a new board in the summer. An even greater boost is a home tie in the next round against Nuneaton Borough, their local rivals, that will swell the coffers on Saturday week.

Mirrlees Blackstone, the United Counties League club, were beaten 1-0 at Rockingham Road, where Micky Nuttell's twelfth-minute goal brought Kettering Town, bottom of the Conference, their first win of the season. A crowd of only 768 reflected local disenchantment.

Arguments for breakaway lack substance

By Kevin McCarra

IN THE midst of the pocket of Aberdeen supporters at Ibrox on Saturday, a few "Yes, Yes" placards were waggled. This devolution slogan, deployed by the winners of last week's referendum in Scotland, was meant to taunt the followers of Rangers, who, with their penchant for the Union Jack, are naively assumed to be an undifferentiated mass of crusty Conservatives.

Before the interweaving of sport and politics could be pondered, the mere sight of those cheery signs had a jolting effect. One might have supposed that Aberdeen fans would be carrying "Oh, no" banners. There is little cause for a sunny disposition, when a person's affections are glued to a club with only two victories in the Bell's Scottish League since December.

In football, moods are quick both to flare up and to fizzle out. The Aberdeen enclave was exultant after the 3-3 draw on Saturday, even if there is only the flimsy thread of goal difference to keep them above bottom place in the table.

There were 24 goals in the premier division's five fixtures, demonstrating the contribution that incompetence can make to public merriment. The jollity was, of course, lost on Walter Smith, the Rangers manager. Disgust and anger vied for control of his features as he watched a match peppered with avoidable goals.

Celtic were twice behind at Motherwell, before winning 3-2. The relief of their supporters cannot have been strong enough to hold at bay the disquieting thought that so disorderly a performance would leave them defenceless against Liverpool in the first leg of the Uefa Cup tie at Celtic Park tomorrow night.

Given their sagging defence, Rangers, in the same tournament, must trust that Nice continue to play as poorly as they have in the French league. Despite its eventful nature, the premier division could easily be regarded as a coarse form of entertainment that accounts for the inadequacies of clubs when they compete in Europe.

The proposals for the reconstruction of Scottish football are supposed to rest on a noble desire to elevate those standards. Last week, the ten member clubs of the premier division announced that they wish to break with the Scottish Football League (SFL) and form an independent body, the Scottish Premiership.

Instead of solid strategy, however, the revolutionaries have offered only foggy sentiment. There are promises of youth development and assurances that wealth will still trickle down to the 30 smaller clubs left behind. The Scottish Premiership even intends to maintain promotion and relegation with the SFL.

So great is the apparent respect of premier division members for the status quo that they have yet to explain why they need to detach themselves. The present television deals, which bring in a paltry £12 million over four years, are scorned, but they were negotiated four years ago and have been overtaken by events.

Much better contracts would be agreed next summer, even if the SFL remained intact. Nor can the premier division representatives accuse the rest of the clubs of being leeches when they retain 87 per cent of television revenues.

Yesterday, representatives of the first, second and third division clubs met to discuss the breakaway. Most are, at best, suspicious. It is scarcely surprising that they have still to be persuaded, for those who seek to found the Scottish Premiership are not convinced either.

Advocates of the Scottish Premiership should frame a far more compelling case. Although the leading clubs seem to have the power to force through their scheme, a bleak future is in prospect if they are capable of winning only the battle and not the debate.

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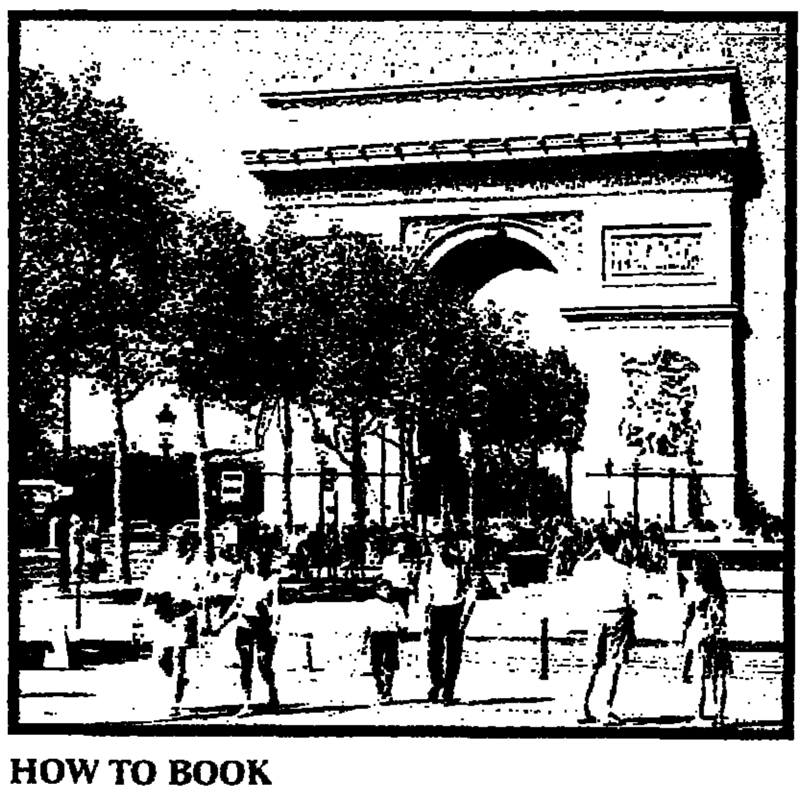

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Empty stands detract from Sky's coverage

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A year ago, the Heineken Cup was friendless. ITV had quietly dropped it from the schedules and the BBC had yet to cobble together the rescue package that at least allowed us to see the later stages. Twelve months on, I ought to be able to say that the future of rugby union's newest competition is safe in the hands of BSkyB, but I cannot. Not confidently, anyway.

It is nothing to do with the television coverage, which on Saturday saw a huge improvement on the indifferent camera-work that marred the opening day of the season at Bath. No, the problem is the rugby. Many more afternoons like Saturday and competition could be friendless again. This time permanently.

The Stoop Memorial Ground is virtually second home to Sky's outside broadcast units — if it is not Super League and the London Broncos, it is rugby union and Harlequins — but no amount of familiarity or technical wizardry could disguise the first problem to afflict Harlequins against Bourgoin. Almost nobody had turned up to watch it. As Mark Durden-Smith and Kyran Bracken plodded through a half-hour build-up, the grandstand behind them remained stubbornly empty.

Lack of crowd is what blighted television coverage of club rugby for years. Apart from prompting the viewer to ask himself "what am I doing watching this if nobody else is?", there is something particularly depressing about the way that a few lonely shouts of encouragement carry over a muddy rugby field. It is a problem that has eased with rugby's renaissance. The crowds at Bath and Leicester have no problem producing the sort of roar that a sound engineer can do something with, but on Saturday at the Stoop, Sky needed either a miracle-worker — or a cheat.

Lacroix's lessons in place-kicking certainly gave Sky's camera operators opportunity to practise following the ball over the goalposts, the skill that mysteriously eluded them at the Recreation Ground. They did not miss a single one, including the effort that left Favre's boot at 90 degrees to the intended angle and never got more than six inches off the ground. "I think the kicking tee got closer to the posts than the ball," Stuart Barnes observed from the commentary box.

Sky's cameras also managed to pick up an impressive number of off-the-ball incidents, or punches as they are more commonly known. In that respect, they put their French counterparts covering Pau v Llanelli to shame. The French director saw no punches, which at least put him in agreement with the referee. The replay of Torossian headbutting an opponent we appeared to see by accident. Certainly, we never saw it again. "If that had been a Welsh player doing that, we'd have had 37 replays by now," Mark Robson commented.

Pau against Llanelli and the similarly bruising encounter between Brive and Pontypridd yesterday provided the first opportunity I had had to hear Sky's B team in action and I was half-impressed. Robson was accurate, appropriate and gently amusing. Indeed, it might have been one of his jokes that led to Dewi Morris having a rather uncomfortable game alongside him on Saturday. "Rupert Moon," Robson noted, "18 caps for Wales but many more appearances on the bench — makes him the Dewi Morris of Welsh rugby, I suppose." Good thing it was not Barnes sitting next to him. He would have got thumped.

Jokes apart, Morris, who had a better time yesterday, is discovering that there is more to this co-commentary lark than most former players imagine, particularly once their fame begins to fade. The amount of time that you can survive on platitudes and sporting clichés gets shorter and shorter. Barnes realised this with impressive speed and has adopted an aggressive "you might not agree with me but you can't ignore me" stance. The haircut, which after Saturday I now realise is not a George Clooney but a variation of the new Will Carling, is just part of the belligerent image.

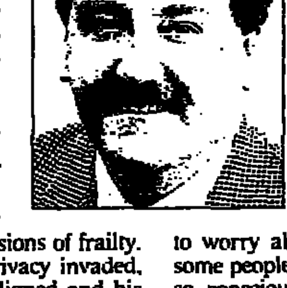
Whatever you think of his adopted style (of punditry, not hair), there is little disputing the fact that it does work. On Saturday, Barnes's arrival in the presentation studio helped Durden-Smith to fill the long hour between the end of one game and the beginning of the next and he was still there as the five hours of European rugby came to a close. Barnes concluded with the thought that the decision by Leo Mayne, the referee, not to send anyone off despite a dozen outbreaks of fisticuffs, suggested that he was suffering from Neville Chamberlain complex. "He thought he had peace in our time."

Yesterday, he had referees under the cosh again as Pontypridd's thrilling fightback against Brive was thwarted by a contentious injury-time try. "That's an appalling decision by Ed Murray," Barnes thundered as the belated replay revealed absolutely no sign of the ball under a maul. "You can see the referee's legs but you can't see the ball — how can he give that decision?" If he would just stop sitting on the fence, he could get really good at this.

The football manager dubbed a 'turnip' is back at Vicarage Road and happy to put down fresh roots

Return to his old patch suits Taylor

MICHAEL CALVIN



The Watford dugout has afforded Taylor a welcome escape from abuse and intrusion. "I am in my element," he says. "This is a very special place."

Graham Taylor has never had any difficulty sleeping, whatever casual cruelty football has inflicted upon him during the day. The essential difference between managing Watford, at the top of the Nationwide League second division, and England, on the verge of elimination from the World Cup, is that he no longer wakes wreathed in a cold sweat.

Today, his 53rd birthday, is the type of occasion that encourages a glance in life's rear-view mirror. Taylor has been drained of tension, yet still recognises himself as "the touchline figure", a decent family man reduced to obscene incoherence by the stresses of English football's most unforgiving job.

That image, from the self-destructive television documentary that charted the decline and fall of his England regime, endures. He is still taunted as the turnip of tabloid mythology, but is no longer affronted by admissions of frailty. He has had his privacy invaded, his personality maligned and his principles violated, but his pride is intact.

He has reverted to type, finding in his return to Watford a refuge that offers unconditional respect rather than unrelenting contempt. He remains suspicious of strangers and, despite being the son of a journalist, still refuses to allow a newspaper into his home. It has taken him four years to lose the pallid, jowly look of a loser.

He sat, hunched into a corner of an empty dressing-room, before the 2-1 victory over Chesterfield on Saturday that stretched Watford's lead at the top to four points. He was in reflective, almost confessional mood, but his eyes were expressive where once they were hooded, haunted. He was, in turn, wistful, wry, defensive and defiant.

"I'd be disappointed in myself if, towards the end with England, I had looked anything other than ill," he admitted, leaning forward with his elbows resting on his knees to emphasise the point. "When things are going radically wrong, I can't see how you can smile about it. Sure, I ranted and raved, but I was working. I was in there, doing it. I'm not prepared to compromise. Why should I?

"People say it got to me and, given that I'm not used to waking up in the morning and screwing the sweat out of my pyjamas, it probably did. But I do care, very passionately, very deeply, about anything I am committed to. Remember that we are talking about having the hopes and ambitions of a nation on your shoulders. They may be unrealistic hopes and ambitions, but they weigh very heavily.

"How upset or overjoyed should you get about people's opinions of you? I've learnt not to worry about image. I look at some people in the game, who are so conscious about what others think about them, and I smile. I can see them trying to recreate themselves. Image may seem so much to so many, but I can look through that and see the real person."

Self-awareness is, however, a painful privilege. He was football's Icarus, a gilded youth who flew too close to *The Sun*. He was ambitious, articulate, a champion of family values when the game was tainted. The accolades, accumulated during a decade in which he took Watford from the fourth division to the FA Cup Final, counted for nothing when he was headhunted from Aston Villa to succeed Bobby Robson.

Two defeats marked his downfall. The first, a 2-1 loss to the host nation, Sweden, resulted in elimination from the 1992 European championship. "That's where the problems started," Taylor said. "We were leading at half-time and I substituted Gary Lineker, a nation's hero. From that moment, we had to qualify for the World Cup. We didn't and I had to go."

The second defeat, endured by Wolverhampton Wanderers away to Bolton Wanderers in the first division play-off semi-final in 1995, was, by his own admission, "very, very damaging personally". Four months later, driving up the M6, he heard a local radio report on his impending departure from Molineux. "I was very philosophical," he said. "The yobbo element among Wolves fans had combined with the yobbo element in the tabloid press to get me. They fed off each other. I could have refused to resign, but they would have sacked me.

"I made a little speech to myself: 'It would appear, Graham, that you are going to have to face up to what you are going to do with the rest of your life. That might be outside football.' I have to say the prospect didn't cause me any grief at all." He kept a private promise and watched England's cricketers tour South Africa, but the psychological scars began to heal only when Geoff Smith, the Watford president and a former boardroom ally, asked him to return to Vicarage Road.

Saturday afternoons, though, still play on the emotions, generating delight and despair

"I really needed that call," Taylor said. "What the public don't understand is that the fact I am a football manager makes me no different to any other unemployed man. Losing my job made me see things in perspective, look at my home and family differently, but I was still unwanted. To be told there was no role for me, in a game in which I had been involved for my entire working life, was a real rejection. I needed someone at that time to say 'Hey, we need you'."

Now, to borrow a phrase from Elton John, the Watford chairman, "Graham is back where he belongs". He has a visible affinity with the community and is building a vibrant new team. Chesterfield were allowed back into the game after trailing to goals by Ronny Rosenthal and Jason Lee, but Taylor remained largely impassive. His one concession to exasperation was to run his hand through his hair.

"I am in my element at Watford," he said. "This is a very special place where everyone, players, directors and supporters, fight for the same cause. I almost had to leave to learn about the real world. I went to clubs with so many factions, where certain people had their own agendas. They wanted it to go badly for their own reasons and that problem was magnified with England.

"Now I look at the hype of the Premiership and realise it is quite a pleasure to work in the second division. Football is escapism. Is it a real job? Compared to many, it is not. I am relaxed, but I'm still ambitious. Of course, I'd like to be England manager again, but that's never going to happen.

"Only a few of us know what that job is all about. The demands placed on you, by so many people, make it the type you can only stand for so long. It is so results-orientated and Glenn [Hoddle] is getting the results. Good for him, but I know what I am about. People think I'm trying to prove myself, but I'm just enjoying myself. I know that, supposing we get promotion, they'll sneer and say 'well, that's his level'. Why should I worry? All the cheap lines have already been used at my expense."

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Graciousness in defeat

From Mr Supraj Rajagopalan

Sir, In all the excitement that has surrounded the resurgence of British tennis recently, it seems that we have forgotten to give good sportsmanship the credit it deserves. Tim Henman's abrupt departure from the court and subsequent failure to acknowledge his opponent's superiority after his loss to Michael Stich at Wimbledon was a prime example.

Perhaps he should look to Greg Rusedski who, after giving his all for four hard sets, still managed to smile and praise his conqueror, Pat Rafter, in the US Open final. We all want to see British stars winning, but it is important they set an example to youngsters by being as gracious in defeat as in victory. For this reason, as well as his great US Open run, the nation should be proud that Rusedski is British.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr K Broad

Sir, Fred Perry ... Tim Henman ... Greg Rusedski ... isn't it about time we stopped crowing about the successes of our tennis stars?

Yours faithfully,
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Club cricket should have been postponed

From Mr P Bennett

Sir, I was astonished by the decision of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) regarding the playing of amateur cricket on September 6. For them to say that "recreational cricket should be played" was an insensitive and incomprehensible statement that has caused local and, I am certain, national disagreement.

If the other sports, such as rugby union and football, can make dramatic alterations to their playing schedules, why was an exception made for cricket. More surprisingly, why did the media allow them to get away with it?

Our local league ruled that "*All* games affecting promotion and relegation *must* be played, while other matches may be cancelled." Unfortunately, for the first time in the history of my club, which is 122 years old, we were involved in a promotion battle. After long deliberation, it was decided to cancel the second XI game, but the first XI game went ahead, after observing a two-minute silence. I, and many others were unhappy, but the club felt forced into this action, initially encouraged by the ECB and then forced by our League.

Yours faithfully
PHIL BENNETT,
The Old Forge,
Churt, Nr Farnham, Surrey.

Rightful home

From Mr Nick Lorentzen

Sir, Simon Barnes (Hoarding the Ashes is Cultural Cringe, September 3) hit a good many nerves and went to the heart of the relationship between England and Australia.

I was born in England and only settled in Australia eight years ago, yet I feel more Australian than ever I did English. Switching my sporting allegiances was a natural and easy process, not only because of the hope and optimism here but also because of the freedom from shibboleth and class that Barnes described.

I was pleased to hear an English voice raised in support of the Australians' rightful and legitimate claim to the Ashes. That one voice should now become a clamour. They must be allowed to come to Australia.

Yours sincerely,
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Some appetite

From Mr Peter Allsopp

Sir, I was entertained to read Dickie Bird's declaration in *The Times* (September 8) that he would pick Geoff Boycott to bat for his life. Some months ago, I was at a Burslem hotel at the same time as Mr Bird and was privileged to see him at breakfast. If ever I have to nominate anyone to eat breakfast for my life, I shall look no further.

Yours etc.
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How to make game better

From Mr Simon Robinson and Dr Bryan Robinson

Sir, While current proposals for the county championship have some good points, the following seem better:

The present competition should be replaced with a similar system in three regions, the leading teams from which would gain a semi-final place in an end-of-season knockout tournament; second and third-placed teams would battle for the fourth place. The resultant championship would provide players with an incentive to be consistent and reduce travel. Spectators' interest would continue through the early season, with the prospect of an exciting climax in late summer.

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Bucks.

From Mr C. J. A. Slater

Sir, With reference to Gordon Wright's letter (September 8), concerning the use of concrete wickets, the idea was also put forward in 1948 by Sir Donald Bradman.

Noting the low standard of English cricket at the time, he organised a fund to provide concrete wickets covered with matting for practice. My club, Church Stretton, in Shropshire, was, I believe, the second club to receive a donation from the fund.

It enabled young players to play without fear of being hurt, but I cannot think of any locals who went on to a high grade of cricket because of it. We also used similar pitches for all the RAF cricket I played in the 1950s. It was excellent, although we were fortunate that Fred Trueman, stationed at the next camp, declined to play against us, as he was in the Test team.

Yours faithfully,
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This week in THE TIMES

■ Tomorrow
A look at the Uefa Cup prospects for England and Scotland's clubs as a week of European football kicks off.

■ Friday
All eyes on Taunton and Canterbury in the race to be cricket's county champions.

■ Saturday
Football Saturday: the Premiership match-by-match, Oliver Holt, Steve McManaman and Brian Glanville.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

ARSENAL (3) 4	BOLTON (1) 1
Wright 20, 25, 81	Thompson 13
Parlour 44	38,138

Arsenal: D Seaman, L Dixon, N Winterburn, P Vieira, S Bould, E Petit, R Parlour (sub: D Platt, 77min), I Wright (sub: N Anelka, 82), G Grimandi, D Bergkamp, M Overmars (sub: L Boa Morte, 77).
Bolton Wanderers: K Branagan, P Frandsen, G Taggart, J Pollock, S Sellars, N Blake, A Thompson, G Bergsson, P Beardsley (sub: A Gunnlaugsson, 66), J Phillips, S McAnespie (sub: A Todd, 47).
Referee: N Barry.

BARNSLEY (0) 0	ASTON VILLA (1) 3
18,649	Ehiogu 25
	Draper 50
	Taylor 72

Barnsley: L Leese, N Eaden, M Appleby, A Moses, A de Zeeuw, N Redfearn, A Liddell (sub: M Bullock, 65min), E Tinkler (sub: D Sheridan, 57), G Hristov (sub: L Ten Heuvel, 69), D Barnard, A Ward.
Aston Villa: M Bosnich, S Staunton (sub: R Scimeca, 76), G Southgate, U Ehiogu, I Taylor (sub: S Curcic, 79), M Draper, D Yorke, S Collymore, A Wright, F Nelson, S Grayson.
Referee: G Barber

COVENTRY (0) 1	SOUTHAMPTON (0) 0
Soltvedt 65	18,659

Coventry City: S Ogrizovic, R Shaw, D Burrows, P Williams, R Nilsson, G McAllister, J Salako, P Telfer, T E Soltvedt, D Huckerby, D Dublin.
Southampton: P Jones, J Dodd, L Todd, K Monkou, C Lundekvam, M Oakley, K Richardson, J Bowen (sub: S Johansen, 69min), M Evans, E Ostenstad (sub: K Davies, 46), D Hughes (sub: A Neilson, 69)
Referee: U Rennie.

C PALACE (0) 0	CHELSEA (2) 3
26,186	M Hughes 20
	Leboeuf 26 (pen)
	Le Saux 90

Crystal Palace: K Miller, D Gordon, A Roberts, D Tuttle, A *Linighan, A Lombardo, N Shipperley*, B Dyer (sub: D Freedman, 56min), K Muscat (sub: I Zohar, 73), N Emblen (sub: C Veart, 83), J Fullarton.
Chelsea: E de Goey, D Petrescu, F Leboeuf, G Poyet, M Hughes, D Wise, M Duberry, G Le Saux, T A Flo, P Hughes, M Nicholls. Referee: G Ashby.

First division

BRADFORD (1) 2	MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2
Steiner 16	*Kinder 42*
Edinho 62	Ormerod 77
17,767	

HUDDERSFIELD (1) 2	*IPSWICH (0) 2*
Jenkins 41	Edmondson 65 (og)
Dyer 88	Dyer 90
9,313	

NORWICH (0) 1	PORT VALE (0) 0
Fleck 59	11,269

PORTSMOUTH (0) 2	CREWE (1) 3
Aloisi 70, 73	Rivers 1
9,505	*Anthrobus 57*
	Adebola 85

Sent off: A Whitbread (Portsmouth) 40

QPR (1) 2	WEST BROM (0) 0
Sheron 15	14,399
Peacock 75	

READING (1) 2	OXFORD UTD (1) 1
Asaba 21	Jemson 2
Hodges 61	9,003

SHEFF UTD (0) 1	NOTTM FOR (0) 0
Taylor 78	24,536

STOKE (1) 2	STOCKPORT (0) 1
Wallace 28	Mutch 48
Thorne 50	11,743

SWINDON (1) 2	TRANMERE (1) 1
Walters 14	Jones 43
Casper 64	6,811

WOLVES (3) 3	CHARLTON (0) 1
Bull 9, 35	Chapple 72
Froggatt 26	22,683

Yesterday

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0	SUNDERLAND (0) 1
17,478	Gray 72

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Bury 1 Manchester City 1.

Second division

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1	LUTON (1) 1
O'Neill 83	Marshall 43
4,561	

BRISTOL ROV (0) 1	GILLINGHAM (0) 2
Hayles 52	Butler 77
6,572	Akinbiyi 80

FULHAM (0) 0	GRIMSBY (1) 2
6,874	Livingstone 23, 86

MILLWALL (0) 3	SOUTHEND (1) 1
Newman 54	Boere 18
Sadlier 68	8,606
Hockton 90	

Sent off: A Harris (Southend) 81

OLDHAM (2) 2	NORTHAMPTON (1) 2
Graham 8	Seal 1
McNiven 35	Hunter 65 (pen)
5,829	

PLYMOUTH (0) 0	BRENTFORD (0) 0
4,394	

PRESTON (0) 0	WALSALL (0) 0
9,092	

WATFORD (1) 2	CHESTERFLD (0) 1
Rosenthal 44	Willis 82
Lee 62	11,204

WIGAN (0) 3	BLACKPOOL (0) 0
Johnson 48	5,517
Lowe 62, 82	

WREXHAM (1) 2	BRISTOL CITY (0) 1
Spink 13	Goater 68
Watkin 60	3,251

WYCOMBE (1) 1	CARLISLE (2) 4
Cornforth 11 (pen)	Couzens 4
6,015	Jansen 39, 90
	Archdeacon 78 (pen)

YORK (0) 3	BURNLEY (1) 1
Davis 62	Barnes 12
Rowe 64	5,424
Tolson 82	

Third division

BRIGHTON (0) 0	DARLINGTON (0) 0
1,803	

Sent off: D Preece (Darlington) 29

CAMBRIDGE UTD (0) 1	BARNET (1) 3
Taylor 64	Charlery 40
3,395	Devine 73
	Heald 80

CARDIFF (1) 2	*ROCHDALE (1) 1*
White 40	Carter 10 (pen)
Eckhardt 67	4,306

CHESTER (1) 2	SHREWSBURY (0) 0
Bennett 21, 66	2,853

HARTLEPOOL (1) 3	TORQUAY (0) 0
Baker 45	1,927
Cullen 48	
Lee 56	

Sent off: R Jack (Torquay) 51

HULL (0) 0	LINCOLN (1) 2
4,736	Thorpe 23
	Fleming 76

L ORIENT (1) 1	EXETER (0) 0
Griffiths 22	4,036

MACCLESFLD (1) 3	SWANSEA (0) 0
Gardiner 42	2,479
Peel 63	
Askey 66	

Sent off: K Ampadu (Swansea) 73

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1	MANSFIELD (0) 0
Martindale 23	6,706

ROTHERHAM (2) 2	PETERBOROUGH (1) 2
Wilde 41	Carruthers 20, 72
Thompson 45	3,859

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1	DONCASTER (1) 1
Eyre 23	McDonald 17
3,376	

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Colchester United 1 Scarborough 0

DERBY (2) 3	EVERTON (1) 1
Hunt 23	Stuart 28
Powell 33	27,828
Van der Laan 66	

Sent off: A Hinchcliffe (Everton) 87

Derby County: M Poom, G Rowett, C Powell, I Stimac, D Sturridge, A Asanovic (sub: P Trollope, 60min), J Laursen (sub: R van der Laan, 45min), L Carsley, C Dailly, J Hunt (sub: D Powell, 90min), F Baiano.

Everton: N Southall, E Barrett (sub: N Barmby, 60min), A Hinchcliffe, C Short, S Bilic, D Williamson, G Speed, J Oster, G Stuart, D Ferguson, M Branch (sub: D Cadamarteri, 11min).

Referee: M Riley.

LEICESTER (0) 3	TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Walsh 55	20,683
Guppy 68	
Heskey 77	

Leicester City: K Keller, P Kaamark (sub: A Cottee, 88min), S Guppy (sub: G Fenton, 88min), M Elliott, S Prior, S Walsh, *M Izzet, N Lennon, G Parker, I Marshall* (sub: S Claridge, 73min), E Heskey.

Tottenham Hotspur: I Walker, S Carr, J Scales, S Campbell, G Mabbutt, A Nielsen, D Howells, D Ginola, J Dominguez, L Ferdinand (sub: C Armstrong, 45min), S Clemence.

Referee: A Wilkie.

LIVERPOOL (0) 2	SHEFF WED (0) 1
Ince 55	Collins 80
Thomas 68	34,705

Liverpool: D James, R Jones (sub: J McAteer, 89min), B T Kvarme, M Wright, S McManaman, S Harkness (sub: D Matteo, 28min), K Riedle (sub: P Berger, 73min), M Thomas, P Ince, M Owen, S I Bjornebye.

Sheffield Wednesday: *K Pressman, P Atherton, I Nolan, M Pembridge* (sub: W Collins, 73min), J Newsome, D Walker, G Whittingham, D Hirst, P Di Canio, S Nicol (sub: L Briscoe, 68min), J Magilton.

Referee: G Poll.

Premier division

DUNDEE UTD (0) 1	KILMARNOCK (1) 2
Olafsson 63	Wright 15, 53 (pen)
6,883	

Dundee United: S Dykstra, R McKinnon (sub: M Easton, 84min), M Malpas, S Pressley, M Perry, E Pedersen, K Olafsson, L Zetterlund, G McSwegan, J Dolan (sub: G Marklund, 61), P Walker (sub: A McLaren, 53).
Kilmarnock: C Meldrum, S Montgomerie, M Baker, N Whitworth, K McGowne, M Reilly, P Nevin (sub: D Bagan, 76), W Findlay, P Wright (sub: M Roberts, 79), A Mitchell, J *Vareille (sub: R Vincent, 89)*
Referee: I Taylor.

HIBERNIAN (3) 5	DUNFERMLINE (1) 2
Chamley 25, 79	Millar 16 (pen)
Lavety 31	Petrie 80
Crawford 38	10,070
McGinlay 55	

Hibernian: O Gottskalksson, W Miller (sub: S McCaffrey, 89min), J Boco, J Chamley (sub: B Grant, 88), A Dods, B Welsh, A Dow, B Lavety, S Crawford, A Rougier (sub: K Harper, 89), P McGinlay.
Dunfermline: I Westwater, G Shields, C Millar, A Tod, D Barnett (sub: I Den Bieman, 44), H Curran, A Moore (sub: S Petrie, 45), C Millar, A Smith, H French, Fleming (sub: Bingham, 70)
Referee: B Orr.

MOTHERWELL (1) 2	CELTIC (0) 3
Coyne 4, 69	Burley 57, 75
11,550	Donnelly 81

Sent off: G Denham (Motherwell) 62

Motherwell: S Woods, E May, S McMillan, I Ross (sub: E Shivute, 84min), B Martin, G Denham, M Weir, S Valakari (*sub: L McCulloch, 45*), T Coyne, W Falconer, D Coyle.
Celtic: J Gould, T Boyd, S Mahé, M Wieghorst, M Rieper, Stubbs, H Larsson, C Burley, S Donnelly, A Thom (sub: J McNamara, 74), R Blinker.
Referee: M McCurry.

RANGERS (1) 3	ABERDEEN (0) 3
Negri 44 (pen)	Newell 58
Albertz 55	Dodds 64
Laudrup 76	Inglis 78
50,030	

Rangers: T Snelders, A Cleland (sub: J Albertz, 45min), S Stensaas, S Porrini, C Moore, A Vidmar, G Gattuso, P Gascoigne (sub: C Miller, 71), M Negri, I Ferguson (sub: A McCoist, 73), B Laudrup.
Aberdeen: J Leighton, D Rowson, G Smith, P Bernard, J Inglis, B O'Neil, J Miller, E Jess (sub: R Gillies, 37), M Newell (sub: D Windass, 71), W Dodds, S Glass.
Referee: H Dallas.

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1	HEARTS (1) 2
Tosh 70	Hamilton 19, 65
5,838	

St Johnstone: A Main, J McQuillan, C Davidson, A *Sekerlioglu (sub: B Farquhar, 77min), S McCluskey*, D Griffin (sub: S Tosh, 35), P Scott, J O'Neil (sub: K O'Halloran, 82), R Grant, G O'Boyle, A Preston.
Heart of Midlothian: G Rousset, A McManus, N Pointon, D Weir, S Salvatori, P Ritchie, N McCann, S Fulton, J Hamilton (sub: J Robertson, 86), I Cameron (sub: G Locke, 55), S Adam.
Referee: G Mitchell

First division

AYR (0) 1	DUNDEE (1) 2
Henderson 61	Annand 26
2,180	Anderson 75 (pen)

FALKIRK (1) 1	HAMILTON (3) 4
McGrillen 23 (pen)	Sherry 15
2,539	Quitongo 31
	McFarlane 40, 78

Sent off: S Crabbe (Falkirk) 20

G MORTON (0) 1	AIRDRIE (0) 1
Collins 85	Cooper 60
2,327	

PARTICK (1) 1	STIRLING (2) 2
Adams 36	Bone 24
1,911	*McLaren 42*

RAITH (0) 2	ST MIRREN (0) 1
Dair 63	Mendes 90
Wright 76	3,311

Second division

BRECHIN (0) 0	LIVINGSTON (2) 2
402	Forrest 20
	Young 32

CLYDE (1) 2	STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0
McStay 17	706
Brownlie 83	

CLYDEBANK (1) 1	EAST FIFE (1) 2
Murdoch 25 (pen)	Cusick 16
365	Ritchie 67

INVERNESS CT (1) 2	STRANRAER (0) 2
Shearer 7	Campbell 59
Stewart 82	Docherty 65

QUEEN OF SOUTH (0) 0	FORFAR (0) 1
1,011	McLauchlan 89

Sent off: M Cleeland (Queen of the South) 35

Third division

ALBION (1) 2	DUMBARTON (0) 1
Trialist 45	Brittain 84
Walters 78	505

ALLOA (2) 5	MONTROSE (0) 1
McKay 31, 56	McGlashan 85
Matheson 60	403
Mailer 62 (og)	
Irvine 77	

ARBROATH (0) 2	ROSS COUNTY (0) 2
Crawford 82	Wood 49
Cooper 90 (pen)	Bradshaw 71
644	

Sent off: G Wood (Ross County) 90

COWDENBEATH (1) 1	EAST STIRLING (0) 0
Stewart 44	194

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0	BERWICK (0) 0
538	

MAN UTD (1) 2	WEST HAM (1) 1
Keane 21	Hartson 14
Scholes 76	55,068

Manchester United: P Schmeichel, G Neville, G Pallister, D Beckham, N Butt, A Cole (sub: B McClair, 89min), R Giggs (sub: K Poborsky, 67), P Neville, R Keane, P Scholes, H Berg.

West Ham United: L Miklosko, T Breacker, S Potts, R Ferdinand, D Unsworth, *J Moncur (sub: F Lampard, 80)*, E Berkovic, S Lomas, M Hughes, J Hartson, P Kitson

Referee: D Elleray.

NEWCASTLE (1) 1	WIMBLEDON (1) 3
Barton 32	Cort 2
36,526	Perry 59
	Ekoku 75

Newcastle United: S Given, W Barton (sub: T Ketsbaia, 64min), J Beresford, R Lee, I Rush, J Barnes, J D Tomasson, K Gillespie (sub: F Asprilla, 64), S Watson, A Pistone, P Albert.

Wimbledon: N Sullivan, K Cunningham, A Kimble, V Jones, *D Blackwell, C Hughes, E Ekoku, M Gayle (sub: B Thatcher, 64)*, C Perry, N Ardley (sub: S Castledine, 40), C Cort.

Referee: M Reed.

Yesterday

BLACKBURN (3) 3	LEEDS (4) 4
Gallacher 8	*Wallace 3, 17*
Sutton 16 (pen)	Molenaar 6
Dahlin 33	Hopkin 23
21,956	

Sent off: H Kewell (Leeds) 78

Blackburn Rovers: T Flowers, J Kenna, C Hendry, K Gallacher, C Sutton, M Dahlin, J Wilcox (sub: D Duff, 72min), L Bohinen (sub: T Sherwood, 72), G Flitcroft, P Valery (sub: P Andersson, 81), S Henchoz

Leeds United: N Martyn, G Kelly, D Robertson, L Radebe, D Wetherall, R Wallace, J F Hasselbaink (sub: P Lilley, 80), D Hopkin, G Halle, H Kewell, R Molenaar (sub: B Ribeiro, 45)

Referee: S Dunn.

LEADING GOALSCORERS

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: 7: C Sutton (Blackburn) 6: I Wright (Arsenal), K Gallacher (Blackburn) 5: D Bergkamp (Arsenal) 4: B Carbone (Sheff Wed), J Hartson (West Ham), G Vialli (Chelsea), R Wallace (Leeds) 3: N Blake (Bolton), D Dublin (Coventry) L Ferdinand (Tottenham), D Petrescu (Chelsea), F Asprilla (Newcastle), J Beresford (Newcastle) 2: Beckham (Man Utd), Berkovic (West Ham)

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: 7: P van Hooijdonk (Nottingham Forest) 5: S Aloisi (Portsmouth), S Bull (Wolverhampton), D Johnson (Bury), L Mills (Port Vale) 4: R Keane (Wolverhampton), K Phillips (Sunderland), P Devlin (Birmingham), Edinho (Bradford), J A Fjortoft (Sheffield Utd), C Hay (Swindon, 1 for Celtic), A Hunt (West Bromwich), N Jemson (Oxford Utd), L Jones (Tranmere), P Ndlovu (Birmingham). Second division: 6: D Seal (Northampton), R Boli (Walsall), R Taylor (Brentford), M Jansen (Carlisle), 5: J Boere (Southend), S Goater (Bristol City), B Hayles (Bristol Rovers), M Stallard (Wycombe), D Spink (Wrexham). Third division: 9: M Carruthers (Peterborough) 7: I Christie (Mansfield). 6: G Bennett (Chester), J Quinn (Peterborough) 5: A Bird (Swansea), M Kyd (Cambridge Utd) D Roberts (Darlington), S Devine (Barnet), C Griffiths (Leyton Orient), A Calvo-Garcia (Scunthorpe).

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: 11: M Negri (Rangers), G McSwegan (Dundee Utd) 8: R Winters (Dundee Utd) 7: A McCoist (Rangers). 6: M Newell (Aberdeen), S Donnelly (Celtic), A Smith (Dunfermline) 5: T Coyne (Motherwell), P Wright (Kilmarnock), A Thom (Celtic). First division: 5: E Annand (Dundee), A Bone (Stirling), J Mendes (St Mirren), S Cooper (Airdrie), S Kernaghan (Ayr), W Hawke (Greenock Morton). Second division: 7: B Thomson (Inverness CT), 6: S Mallan (Queen of South), 4: G Harvey (Livingston), G Young (Stranraer) C Flannigan (Queen of South) Third division: 7: G Wood (Ross County) 6: W Irvine (Alloa) 5: P Forrester (Berwick), C McKinnon (Dumbarton), W Spence (Arbroath), K Walton (Berwick).

THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated ** denotes all-ticket*

TOMORROW

UEFA CUP: First round, first leg: Atlético Madrid v Leicester (8.30), Bordeaux v Aston Villa, Celtic v Liverpool (8.0), PAOK Salonica v Arsenal (6.45), RC Strasbourg v Rangers
COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, first leg: Blackpool v Coventry; Burnley v Stoke (7.45), Chesterfield v Barnsley (7.45); Fulham v Wolverhampton (7.45); Huddersfield v West Ham (7.45), Hull v Crystal Palace; Ipswich v Torquay (7.45); Leyton Orient v Bolton (7.45), Luton v West Bromwich (7.45), Middlesbrough v Barnet (7.45), Notts County v Tranmere (7.45); *Oxford Utd v York (7.45), Reading v Peterborough (7.45)*; Scunthorpe v Everton (7.45), Southend v Derby (7.45); Sunderland v Bury (7.45), Watford v Sheffield Utd (7.45), Wimbledon v Millwall (7.45)
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: * Crewe v Port Vale (7.45). Third division: Cardiff v Chester
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Farnborough v Slough (7.45): Halifax v Telford (7.45); Hayes v Cheltenham (7.45); Welling v Stevenage (7.45); Yeovil v Kidderminster (7.45)

WEDNESDAY

EUROPEAN CUP: Champions' League: Group B: FC Kosice v Manchester Utd (7.45). Group C: Newcastle v Barcelona (8.0).
COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, first leg: Birmingham v Stockport (7.45); Blackburn v Preston (8.0); Grimsby v Sheffield Wednesday (7.45): Leeds v Bristol City (7.45), Nottingham Forest v Walsall (7.45), Southampton v Brentford (7.45); *Tottenham v Carlisle (7.45)*
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Norwich v Charlton (7.45)
SCOTTISH CHALLENGE CUP: Semi-final: Greenock Morton v Queen of South

THURSDAY

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, first leg: Chelsea v Slovan Bratislava (7.45): Nice v Kilmarnock.

FRIDAY

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Brentford v Wycombe (7.45)

SATURDAY

Kick-off 3.0
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Aston Villa v Derby; Bolton v Manchester Utd. Everton v Barnsley; Leeds v Leicester; Sheffield Wednesday v Coventry; Southampton v Liverpool; Tottenham v Blackburn; West Ham v Newcastle, Wimbledon v Crystal Palace.
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: * Crewe v Queens Park Rangers; Ipswich v Stoke, Manchester City v Norwich, Middlesbrough v Birmingham, Nottingham Forest v Portsmouth; Oxford Utd v Sheffield Utd, Port Vale v Bury; Stockport v Huddersfield, Sunderland v Wolverhampton; Tranmere v Reading; West Bromwich v Swindon. *Second division:* Blackpool v Oldham; Bristol City v Bournemouth; Burnley v Preston; Carlisle v Plymouth, Chesterfield v Bristol Rovers; Gillingham v Watford; Grimsby v Millwall, Luton v Wrexham, Northampton v Wigan; Southend v Fulham; Walsall v York. Third division: Barnet v Scunthorpe; * Darlington v Hartlepool, Doncaster v Cambridge Utd; Exeter v Rotherham; Lincoln v Cardiff; Mansfield v Chester. Peterborough v Leyton Orient; Rochdale v Hull, Scarborough v Macclesfield: Shrewsbury v Notts County; Swansea v Colchester; *Torquay v Brighton.*
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Dover v Kidderminster, Farnborough v Halifax; Gateshead v Woking; Hednesford v Southport, Kettering v Hereford; Leek v Hayes; Morecambe v Welling; Slough v Northwich, Stalybridge v Cheltenham; Stevenage v Telford, Yeovil v Rushden and Diamonds
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Celtic v Aberdeen, Dunfermline v Kilmarnock, Hearts v Dundee Utd, Motherwell v Hibernian, St Johnstone v Rangers. First division: Ayr v *Raith; Dundee v Hamilton, Falkirk v St Mirren*, Partick v Greenock Morton; Stirling v Airdrie. Second division: Clyde v Brechin, Clydebank v Stenhousemuir. East Fife v Livingston, Forfar v Stranraer; Queen of South v Inverness CT. Third division: Albion v Alloa; Arbroath v Dumbarton; East Stirling v Montrose, Queen's Park v Cowdenbeath, Ross County v Berwick.

SUNDAY

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelsea v Arsenal (4.0)
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Charlton v Bradford (1.0)
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Dunfermline v Kilmarnock (2.0).

Anderson, right, of Barcelona, clashes with Naybet, of Deportivo La Coruña during Barcelona's 2-1 home victory in the Spanish league on Saturday

CONFERENCE

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

HEREFORD (1) 2	NORTHWICH (1) 2
Grayson 2	Walters 35 (pen)
Simpson 82 (og)	Bishop 65
2,307	

KIDDRMNSTR (0) 1	STEVENAGE (2) 3
Doherty 76	Stevens 28, 67
1,341	Catlin 41

Sent off: M Yates (Kidderminster) 50

MORECAMBE (0) 1	HEDNESFORD (1) 3
Ceroalo 90	Ware 18, 62
1,460	Carty 55

RUSHDEN & D (3) 5	FARNBOROUGH (2) 5
Foster 12, 39, 53, 76	Boothe 22
Underwood 37	Wingfield 44
2,051	Robson 48, 79
	Mehew 80

STALYBRIDGE (0) 1	HAYES (0) 1
Williams 53	Bunce 78
545	

WOKING (0) 1	SOUTHPORT (0) 1
Hay 82 (pen)	Ross 55
2,806	

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
1 Morecmbe	7	2	1	1	6	5	3	0	0	10	1	16
2 Halifax	*6*	*2*	*0*	*0*	*4*	*1*	*2*	*2*	*0*	*6*	*2*	*14*
3 Southport	8	2	1	1	8	4	2	1	1	4	2	14
4 Dover	8	2	1	1	6	4	2	0	2	6	5	13
5 Woking	8	2	2	0	5	3	1	2	1	5	5	13
6 Cheltenham	7	3	1	0	8	4	1	0	2	3	6	13
7 Farnboro	9	3	0	1	6	4	1	1	3	8	13	13
8 Hednesfrd	7	1	2	0	3	2	2	1	1	8	7	12
9 Hereford	9	2	1	2	8	9	1	2	1	5	5	12
10 Welling	8	1	2	1	5	8	2	0	2	5	6	11
11 Stevenage	8	1	1	2	2	8	2	1	1	7	4	11
12 Hayes	*8*	*2*	*0*	*2*	*6*	*6*	*1*	*1*	*2*	*7*	*5*	*10*
13 Northwich	7	1	1	0	2	1	1	3	1	6	6	10
14 Yeovil	6	2	0	1	5	3	1	0	2	4	5	9
15 Telford	7	1	1	2	5	8	1	1	1	4	3	8
16 Slough	8	0	1	3	5	9	2	1	1	7	6	8
17 Rushden	8	1	2	1	9	9	1	0	3	2	7	8
18 Stalybridge	7	2	1	1	9	4	0	0	3	0	3	7
19 Leek	8	1	2	1	4	3	0	2	2	4	11	7
20 Gateshead	7	1	1	2	6	8	0	2	1	7	8	6
21 Kiddrmnstr	7	1	2	1	4	5	0	1	2	2	5	5
22 Kettering	*8*	*0*	*1*	*3*	*4*	*8*	*0*	*3*	*1*	*4*	*5*	*4*

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Colwyn Bay 0 Boston 3; Runcorn 1 Altrincham 0 First division: Bradford PA 4 Buxton 1; Eastwood Town 1 Flixton 1; Trafford 1 Congleton 3

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

FA CUP

FIRST QUALIFYING ROUND: Solihull 2 Burton 0; Staines 3 Bromley 1, Gateshead 2 Matlock Town 0; Billingham Synthonia 0 Maine Road 0; South Shields 3 Skelmersdale 0; Witton 0 Gainsborough 5; Halifax 4 Droylsden 1; Burscough 3 Bedlington 3; Denaby 2 Ossett Town 3; Leigh RMI 1 Accrington Stanley 0; Chorley 3 Pontefract Collieries 1; Ilkeston 3 Rossendale 0; Warrington 1 RTM Newcastle 2, Radcliffe 1 Bishop Auckland 3. Whitby 6 Netherfield 2. Billingham Town 0 Arnold 1, Whitley Bay 0 Shotton Comrades 0 Winsford 1 Leek 0, Hyde 3 Louth 0; Darwen 1 Ryhope CA 2, Great Harwood 1 St Helens 1; Lancaster 2 Consett 2; Bootle 2 Belper Town 3. Eccleshill 1 Parkgate 2. Workington 0 Emley 3. Frickley 3 Morpeth 3. Gretna 3 Mossley 0. Liversedge 3 Stocksbridge Park Steels 3. North Ferriby 2 Barrow 1 Newcastle Town 3 Garforth 5. *Brigg 3 Hucknall 0 Worksop 4 Oldham 2.* Spennymoor 1 Blyth Spartans 1. Bamber Bridge 1 Dunston Federation Brewery 1. Clitheroe 4 Jarrow Roofing Boldon CA 3. Staveley MW 1 Lincoln 5; Marine 1 Ashton 0 Guiseley 3 Alfreton 0, Heanor 1 Penrith 2, Harrogate Town 2 Easington Colliery 2. Ashington 0 Farsley Celtic 2. Telford 1 Bedworth 2. Pershore 0 Stourbridge 7. Bridgnorth 1 Desborough 1. Bury Town 1 Nuneaton 2. Kettering 1 Mirrlees Blackstone 0 Great Yarmouth 2 Banbury 1. Hinckley 5 Stewarts and Lloyds 0 Shepshed Dynamo 0 Cambridge City 3; Sudbury Wanderers 3 Stafford 0 Brackley 4 Stapenhill 0; Rocester 3 Stowmarket 2. Burgess Hill 1 Harrow 2. Yeading 4 Chelmsford 2; Oakwood 0 Potton 1, Hythe 4 Romford 7. Clacton 2 Stansted 7. Edgware 2 Aylesbury 5. Wembley 3 Whitehawk 1. Fisher 5 Wootton Blue Cross 0; Harwich Parkeston 1 Carshalton 1 Tooting and Mitcham 1 Billericay 2; Ruislip Manor 4 Shoreham 1 Arundel 1 Erith and Belvedere 4. Bedford Town 1 Dulwich Hamlet 1. Herne Bay 1 Dartford 2; Barking 4 Arlesey 1; Hanwell 3 Saltdean 2 Merthyr Tydfil 7 Brockenhurst 2. Bridgwater 1 Abingdon Town 1. Tuffley 1 Paulton 3; Thatcham 0 *Cheltenham 1 Worcester 3 Lymington 2* Chippenham 3 Bashley 2 Wokingham 1 Westfields 1; Yeovil 1 Witney 1; Oxford City 1 Dorchester 1. St Blazey 0 Tiverton 2. Odd Down 1 Wimborne 4. Downton 0 Forest Green 4. Havant 1 Basingstoke 1. Hungerford 1 Fleet 4. Clevedon 1 Calne 1. Bideford 0 Bath 2. Salisbury 3 Chard 0. Buckingham Town 1 Gosport 1. Taunton 3 Newport 2 Weston-super-Mare 1 Cinderford 4. Gloucester 3 Mangotsfield 0. Carterton 0 Portsmouth Royal Navy 1. Melksham 1 Waterlooville 2; Newport (IoW) 2 Aldershot Town 1; Tamworth 1 Bromsgrove 2; Raunds 2 Spalding 4. Lye 2 Lowestoft 3. Holbeach 3 Gresley 6. Rothwell 2 Corby 1; Racing Club Warwick 1 Redditch 2 Banwell 1 Willenhall 2 Felixstowe Port and 2 Halesowen Town 5 Moor Green 0 Bilston 2. Histon 1 Newmarket 3 Diss 0 VS Rugby 1. Bourne 1 King's Lynn 3. Northampton Spencer 1 Woodbridge 1 Boldmere St Michaels 1 Wroxham 0; Halesowen Harriers 0 Grantham 1; Whyteleafe 3 Crawley 2. Marlow 2 Littlehampton 2; Flackwell Heath 1 East Thurrock 0. Chertsey Heath 1 Heybridge Swifts 1, St Leonards Stamcroft 1 Bishop's Stortford 0. Great Wakering 1 Grays 2. Banstead 2 Camberley 2. Brimsdown 1 Canvey Island 2. Hitchin 0 Bognor Regis 2 Croydon 2 Horsham 1 Aveley 2 Chichester 1. Burnham Ramblers 0 Hastings 1. Sittingbourne 5 Molesey 0 Langney Sports 2 Leatherhead 1 Burnham 1 Dorking 3. Concord 0 Purfleet 1. Welling 3 Leyton *Pennant* 0 Tonbridge 1 Ware 0 Canterbury 1 Worthing 1. Cheshunt 0 Sutton 4. Walton and Hersham 2 Hampton 0 Tilbury 3 Wick 1 Leighton 1 Wingate and Finchley 2: Baldock 0 Slough 0 Uxbridge 0 Dover 2. Harlow 0 Metropolitan Police 2: Croydon 0 Wivenhoe 4; Gravesend and Northfleet 3 Braintree 3; Hillingdon 0 Windsor and Eton 2; Barton 1 Clapton 0; Bedfont 2 Chesham 4; Margate 5 Bracknell 0: Portfield 2 Viking Sports 1. Berkhamsted *1 Deal 1, Knypersley 1 Atherstone 0*: Bedford 0 Kingstonian 5.

DR MARTENS

MIDLAND DIVISION: Evesham 0 Wisbech 1. Southern division: Cirencester 1 Fareham 0, Trowbridge 2 Yate 1

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PREMIER DIVISION: Boreham Wood 2 St Albans 3, Enfield 1 Dag and Red 2. Second division: Northwood 3 Chalfont St Peter 1. Third division: Epsom and Ewell 1 Tring 2; *Lewes 1 Hornchurch 2*

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Darlaston 0 Bloxwich 1; Ettingshall 3 Gornal 3. Kington 3 Ludlow 1. Stafford 2 Stourport 2. Tividale 0 Walsall Wood 0. Wolverhampton 4 Bustleholme 2. Postponed: Brierley Hill v Wolverhampton Casuals

INTERLINK EXPRESS ALLIANCE: King's Norton 0 Shifnal T 0; Oldbury U 3 Chasetown 1; Sandwell 1 Blowich Town 3; Wednesfield 3 Rushall O 0; West Midland Police 0 Pelsall V 4. Postponed: Rocester v Stratford T

COURAGE COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford 5 Merstham 1; Ash 1 Cobham 0; Cranleigh 1 *Feltham 2; Farnham 6 Walton Casuals 2*; Hartley Wintney 1 Chipstead 1, Netherne 3 Cove 0: Raynes Park Vale 3 Sandhurst 2; Westfield 2 Reading 3; Godalming and Guilford 1 Chessington and Hook 2.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Beckenham 1 Tunbridge Wells 0; Cray 1 VCD 1; Crockenhill 0 Sheppey 3; Erith 2 Swanley Furness 0, Folkestone *Invicta 5 Thamesmead 1; Greenwich 4* Slade Green 2; Ramsgate 4 Faversham 1; Whitstable 3 Lordswood 3 Postponed: Chatham v Corinthian.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Alvechurch 2 Kings Heath 1; Bilston Community College 3 Southam 4. Continental Star 0 Studley BKL 5; Coventry Sphinx 1 Knowle 4; *David Lloyd AFC 7 Wellesbourne 1*: Highgate 1 Worcester 2; Massey Ferguson 0 Coleshill 1

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon 1 Harrow Hill 0; Didcot 0 Hallen 2: Endsleigh 2 Almondsbury 1; Fairford 3 Bicester 3. Highworth 3 Wantage 0. North Leigh 0 Kintbury 1 Shortwood 2 Swindon Supermarine 2

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES *LEAGUE*: Premier division: Ely 1 Sudbury 1: Halstead 0 Fakenham 2; Tiptree 0 Gorleston 3; Watton 1 Warboys 6

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: AFC Newbury 0 Bournemouth 1; BAT 0 Cowes Sports 4; Bemerton Heath Harl 0 East Cowes 1, Christchurch 2 Aerostructures 4; Romsey 0 Eastleigh 10; Ryde Sports 0 Andover 7; Whitchurch 2 *Totton 2*

MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division south: Amersham 0 Islington 2; Barkingside 2 Woodford 1, Harefield 3 Beaconsfield 0, Haringey Boro 0 Cockfosters 0; Waltham Abbey 0 St Margaretsbury 1 Premier division north: Buckingham Athletic 2 Brache Sparta 4, Harpenden 1 Toddington 0; Hoddesdon 2 Biggleswade 1, Letchworth 2 Welwyn Garden 2; London Colney 2 Milton Keynes 2; Potters Bar 5 Langford 1

NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Atherton LR 2 Vauxhall GM 2; Glossop North End 3 Blackpool Rovers 1, Haslingden 2 Chadderton 1: Holker Old Boys 0 Ramsbottom 1; Nantwich 0 Prescot Cables 4: Salford 1 Kidsgrove 2

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Curzon Ashton 1 Hallam 1; Hatfield Main 1 Armthorpe Welfare 0; Ossett Albion 2 Selby 2; Maltby MW 0 Thackley 0; Pickering 1 Glasshoughton Welfare 3

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier *division: Backwell 0 Barnstaple 1, Bridport* 3 Keynsham 5; Torrington 1 Elmore 1. *Westbury 0 Bristol Manor Farm 0*

UHLSPORT UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston 3 Long Buckby 2, Cogenhoe 2 Stamford 3; Stotfold 1 St Neots 0; Wellingborough 2 Kempston 0, Yaxley 1 Ford Sports 4.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: *First* division: Mile Oak 0 Ringmer 0; Pagham 0 Hailsham 2; Redhill 3 Eastbourne Town 0; Selsey 1 Peacehaven and Telscombe 1: Hassocks 4 Horsham YMCA 0

FA WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE: National division: Everton 1 Croydon 0, Liverpool 0 Millwall 0; Tranmere 0 Doncaster 2

FA WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Northern division: Bloxwich 0 Huddersfield 2; Blyth Spartans 1 Arnold 1, Garswood St Helens 1 Aston Villa 3, Ilkeston 6 Sheff Wed 0; Wolverhampton 4 Coventry 1. Southern division: Brighton and Hove 3 Wimbledon 2: Ipswich 1 Barry 1: Langford 1 Whitehawk 1, Leyton Orient 3 Three Bridges 2: Southampton Saints 6 Rushden and Diamonds 1

NATIONAL

LEAGUE OF WALES: Bangor City 2 Inter Cable-Tel 1; Barry 10 Total Network Solutions 0; Caersws 4 Porthmadog 1; Carmarthen Town 2 Connah's Quay 2; Cemaes Ynys Mon 4 Haverfordwest 0; Conwy 3 Newtown 1; Cwmbran 3 Welshpool 2; Flint Town 0 Ebbw Vale 4: Rhyl 2 Rhayader Town 0.

HIGHLAND LEAGUE: Clachnacuddin 2 Huntly 3, Deveronvale 1 Lossiemouth 3. Fort William 0 Buckie Thistle 3; Fraserburgh 2 Rothes 0; *Keith 0 Brora 2. Tennents Cup:* final: Cove 0 Elgin 1.

ULSTER CUP: First division: Bangor 4 Larne 0, Carrick 2 Ballyclare 3, Limavady 0 Distillery 2; Newry 4 Dungannon Swifts 1

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Linfield 0 Ballymena 0, Cliftonville 1 Glenavon 1; Crusaders 1 Coleraine 3, *Glentoran 3 Ards 0, Portadown 3 Omagh 1.*

FAI HARP NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bohemians 1 Shamrock 1; Cork 2 Derry 0; UCD 1 Kilkenny 2

OVERSEAS RESULTS

WORLD CUP: Asian qualifying zone: Final round: Group A: China 2 Iran 4 (in Dalian)

EGYPT: Under-17 World Cup: Quarter-final: Brazil 2 Argentina 0

BELGIAN LEAGUE: Friday: Standard Liege 1 Anderlecht 2 Saturday: Excelsior Mouscron 0 Germinal Ekeren 1; Charleroi 2 Lokeren 0. Beveren 2 Westerlo 0; RWD Molenbeek 2 Saint-Truiden 0; Lierse 1 Lommel Sk 4; RC Genk 3 Aalst 2; Ghent 0 Harelbeke 0

DUTCH LEAGUE: Friday: MVV Maastricht 1 Roda JC Kerkrade 2; Ajax 4 FC Groningen 1 Saturday: NEC Nijmegen 1 Twente Enschede 2; Willem II Tilburg 0 Fortuna Sittard 0; Sparta Rotterdam 5 Volendam 0, *Vitesse Arnhem 5 FC Utrecht 0 Yesterday:* De Graafschap Doetinchem 0 NAC Breda 1 Feyenoord 1 PSV Eindhoven 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ajax	5	5	0	0	24	2	15
Feyenoord	5	3	2	0	9	2	11
FC Twente	5	3	2	0	9	4	11
Heerenveen	4	3	1	0	7	2	10
Vitesse	5	3	1	1	12	8	10
PSV	5	2	3	0	12	5	9
Roda	5	3	0	2	8	7	9
Groningen	5	2	1	2	10	9	7
NAC	5	2	1	2	6	7	7
NEC	5	2	0	3	4	8	6
Sparta	5	1	2	2	9	7	5
De Graafschap	5	1	2	2	4	5	5
FC Volendam	5	1	2	2	3	9	5
RKC	4	1	1	2	5	9	4
FC Utrecht	5	1	1	3	8	15	4
Fortuna Sitt	5	0	2	3	2	13	2
Willem II	5	0	1	4	3	11	1
MVV	5	0	0	5	3	15	0

FRENCH LEAGUE: Paris Saint-Germain 2 Bastia 0; AS Monaco 2 Marseilles 0; Metz 2 Cannes 0, Bordeaux 2 Le Havre 1; Toulouse 2 Auxerre 1; Lyons 3 Strasbourg 1; Nantes 1 Montpellier 1

GERMAN LEAGUE: Friday: Arminia Bielefeld 0 Hansa Rostock 1; SV Hamburg 2 FC Cologne 1 Saturday: VfL Wolfsburg 0 Schalke 04 0: Borussia Dortmund 2 Karlsruher SC 2; MSV Duisburg 2 Werder Bremen 1: Bayer Leverkusen 2 Munich 1860 2, Bayern Munich 3 Hertha Berlin 0; Borussia Mönchengladbach 2 VfL Bochum 1

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Saturday: Brescia 3 Sampdoria 3, Lecce 1 Udinese 2; AC Milan 1 Lazio 1. Yesterday: Bologna 2 Internazionale 4; Fiorentina 3 Bari 1, Napoli 2 Empoli 1, AC Parma 2 Atalanta 2; Vicenza 3 Piacenza 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Inter	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
Fiorentina	2	2	0	0	6	3	6
Atalanta	2	1	1	0	6	4	4
Parma	2	1	1	0	4	2	4
Lazio	2	1	1	0	3	1	4
Sampdoria	2	1	1	0	5	4	4
Roma	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Juventus	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Udinese	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Vicenza	2	1	0	1	4	4	3
Napoli	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Milan	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Brescia	2	0	1	1	4	5	1
Piacenza	2	0	1	1	3	4	1
Empoli	2	0	0	2	2	5	0
Lecce	2	0	0	2	1	4	0
Bologna	2	0	0	2	4	8	0
Bari	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

PORTUGUESE LEAGUE: Friday: Desportivo Chaves 1 Sporting Braga 2; Vitoria Guimaraes 1 Sporting Lisbon 0 Saturday: FC Porto 4 Amadora 0; Benfica 1 Academica 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Porto	3	3	0	0	8	0	9
Guimaraes	3	3	0	0	4	1	9
Braga	3	1	2	0	6	5	5
Benfica	3	1	1	1	5	2	4
Academica	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Maritimo	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Sporting	3	1	1	1	2	1	4

SPANISH LEAGUE: Saturday: Athletic Bilbao 1 Atletico Madrid 0; Real Valladolid 1 Salamanca 2; Real Madrid 2 Real Sociedad 0, Barcelona 2 Deportivo La Coruña 1.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49
1	1	2	1	1	2	2	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	3	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
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FORECAST: Half-time: No claims required (winnings sent automatically), dividend forecast is good with six score draws and 11 no-score draws. Full time: Dividend forecast is very good with six score draws and two no-score draws.

CARLING F.A. PREMIERSHIP

		HOME					AWAY						Goal
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	diff
1 Man Utd	6	3	0	0	6	1	2	1	0	4	0	16	+9
2 Blackburn	6	2	1	1	12	7	2	0	0	6	1	13	+10
3 Chelsea	5	1	0	0	4	2	3	0	1	13	3	12	+12
4 Arsenal	6	2	1	0	6	1	1	2	0	7	5	12	+7
5 Leicester	6	2	2	0	7	3	1	0	1	2	2	11	+4
6 West Ham	6	2	0	0	5	2	1	1	2	5	6	10	+2
7 Liverpool	5	1	0	1	3	3	1	2	0	4	2	8	+2
8 Coventry	6	2	2	0	7	5	0	0	2	0	5	8	-3
9 Leeds	6	0	1	2	1	5	2	0	1	7	6	7	-2
10 Tottenham	6	2	0	1	4	4	0	1	2	1	5	7	-4
11 Derby	4	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	2	6	+1
12 Newcastle	3	2	0	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
13 Aston Villa	6	1	0	1	1	4	1	0	3	5	5	6	-3
14 C Palace	6	0	0	3	1	6	2	0	1	4	2	6	-3
15 Barnsley	6	1	0	3	3	12	1	0	1	1	1	6	-9
16 Wimbledon	5	0	2	1	2	4	1	0	1	4	4	5	-2
17 Bolton	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	5	8	5	-3
18 Everton	5	1	0	2	3	5	0	1	1	1	3	4	-4
19 Sheff Wed	6	1	0	1	2	3	0	1	3	5	12	4	-8
20 Southmptn	6	1	0	2	2	4	0	0	3	2	8	3	-6

Nationwide FOOTBALL LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

		HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Bradford	7	2	2	1	6	8	2	0	0	5	1	14	(11)
2 Swindon	7	2	2	0	5	2	2	0	1	4	3	14	(9)
3 West Brom	7	3	0	0	4	1	1	2	1	4	5	14	(8)
4 Birmingham	6	2	0	1	5	1	2	1	0	6	2	13	(11)
5 Nottm For	7	2	0	1	9	4	2	1	1	2	1	13	(11)
6 Sunderland	7	2	0	1	6	3	2	0	2	6	5	12	(12)
7 Wolves	7	2	2	0	8	4	1	0	2	2	4	11	(10)
8 Sheff Utd	5	3	0	0	5	1	0	2	0	0	0	11	(5)
9 Bury	7	1	3	0	3	2	1	1	1	4	5	10	(7)
10 QPR	6	2	1	0	4	1	1	0	2	3	7	10	(7)
11 Portsmouth	6	2	1	1	8	6	0	1	1	3	4	8	(11)
12 Middlesbro	5	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	0	5	3	8	(7)
13 Stoke	6	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	1	1	2	8	(4)
14 Charlton	5	2	0	0	5	3	0	1	2	2	5	7	(7)
15 Port Vale	6	2	0	1	5	3	0	1	2	2	5	7	(7)
16 Norwich	6	1	0	2	1	4	1	1	1	3	5	7	(4)
17 Oxford Utd	7	2	0	1	5	1	0	0	4	5	10	6	(10)
18 Man City	6	0	2	0	3	3	1	1	2	6	7	6	(9)
19 Crewe	5	0	0	2	3	5	2	0	1	5	4	6	(8)
20 Ipswich	5	1	1	0	3	2	0	2	1	3	4	6	(6)
21 Tranmere	7	1	0	2	2	6	0	1	3	3	6	4	(5)
22 Reading	7	1	0	3	3	7	0	1	2	1	5	4	(4)
23 Stockport	7	0	3	0	3	3	0	0	4	4	8	3	(7)
24 Huddersfld	6	0	2	2	3	5	0	1	1	1	3	3	(4)

SECOND DIVISION

		HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Watford	7	4	0	0	8	3	2	0	1	3	2	18	(11)
2 Chesterfld	7	3	0	0	7	3	1	2	1	3	3	14	(10)
3 Northmptn	7	2	0	1	3	3	2	2	0	6	2	14	(9)
4 Oldham	7	3	1	0	8	4	0	2	1	2	4	12	(10)
5 Bristol R	7	2	1	1	7	4	1	2	0	2	1	12	(9)
6 Bournemth	7	2	2	0	5	2	1	0	2	4	4	11	(9)
7 Preston	7	3	1	0	6	1	0	1	2	2	4	11	(8)
8 Gillingham	7	2	1	0	4	2	1	1	2	3	5	11	(7)
9 Fulham	7	2	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	3	3	11	(6)
10 Wycombe	7	2	1	1	7	5	1	0	2	7	9	10	(14)
11 Wigan	7	3	1	0	12	5	0	0	3	0	5	10	(12)
12 York	7	2	0	2	5	4	1	1	1	4	5	10	(9)
13 Millwall	5	2	0	1	8	4	1	0	1	3	2	9	(11)
14 Blackpool	7	2	0	1	5	5	1	0	3	4	10	9	(9)
15 Brentford	7	2	1	0	5	1	0	1	3	2	9	8	(7)
16 Wrexham	6	2	0	1	8	6	0	1	2	2	4	7	(10)
17 Bristol City	6	2	0	1	5	2	0	1	2	3	5	7	(8)
18 Carlisle	7	1	0	2	1	4	1	1	2	7	7	7	(8)
19 Southend	7	2	1	0	5	2	0	0	4	3	11	7	(8)
20 Grimsby	7	0	3	0	1	1	1	1	2	5	7	7	(6)
21 Luton	7	1	1	1	2	3	0	2	2	1	3	6	(3)
22 Walsall	7	1	1	1	4	4	0	1	3	2	7	5	(6)
23 Plymouth	7	0	3	1	3	4	0	2	1	2	4	5	(5)
24 Burnley	7	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	6	3	(1)

THIRD DIVISION

		HOME					AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
1 Peterboro	7	2	0	1	7	2	2	2	0	11	5	14	(18)
2 Macclsfld	7	4	0	0	10	2	0	2	1	1	3	14	(11)
3 Notts Co	7	3	0	1	6	4	1	2	0	5	2	14	(11)
4 Exeter	7	1	2	0	3	2	3	0	1	5	3	14	(8)
5 Camb Utd	7	3	0	1	11	8	1	1	1	3	2	13	(14)
6 Barnet	7	2	0	1	5	3	2	1	1	8	9	13	(13)
7 Scunthrpe	7	3	1	0	5	2	1	0	2	2	4	13	(7)
8 Cardiff	6	1	2	0	5	4	2	1	0	4	2	12	(9)
9 L Orient	7	2	0	2	3	3	2	0	1	5	2	12	(8)
10 Colchester	7	3	1	0	7	3	0	1	2	4	8	11	(11)
11 Scarboro	7	2	1	0	4	2	1	1	2	5	6	11	(9)
12 Hartlpool	7	2	2	0	7	3	0	2	1	3	4	10	(10)
13 Lincoln	7	1	1	1	4	5	2	0	2	5	6	10	(9)
14 Chester	6	3	1	0	6	1	0	0	2	2	4	10	(8)
15 Rotherham	7	2	1	1	9	7	0	2	1	2	3	9	(11)
16 Swansea	7	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	4	6	15	9	(11)
17 Shrwsbury	7	2	0	1	4	3	0	1	3	5	9	7	(9)
18 Mansfield	7	1	1	1	4	3	1	0	3	2	4	7	(6)
19 Torquay	7	1	1	1	3	3	1	0	3	3	8	7	(6)
20 Rochdale	7	2	0	1	5	2	0	0	4	2	7	6	(7)
21 Darlington	7	1	1	1	5	5	0	1	3	2	5	5	(7)
22 Hull	7	1	1	2	7	9	0	0	3	0	5	4	(7)
23 Brighton	7	0	3	1	3	4	0	0	3	2	6	3	(5)
24 Doncaster	7	0	0	3	1	10	0	2	2	3	7	2	(4)

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

		HOME					AWAY						Goal
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	diff
1 Hibernian	5	3	0	1	11	4	0	1	0	1	1	10	+7
2 Hearts	5	1	0	0	4	1	2	0	2	5	6	9	+2
3 Rangers	3	2	1	0	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	7	+6
4 Dunfermline	5	1	1	1	4	5	1	0	1	4	6	7	-3
5 Motherwell	4	0	0	2	2	4	2	0	0	5	1	6	+2
6 Celtic	4	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	6	4	6	+1
7 St Johnstne	5	0	1	2	2	5	1	1	0	3	2	5	-2
8 Kilmarnock	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	5	4	-3
9 Aberdeen	5	0	2	1	2	4	0	1	1	4	7	3	-5
10 Dundee Utd	5	0	1	1	2	3	0	2	1	3	7	3	-5

FIRST DIVISION

		HOME					AWAY						Goal
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	diff
1 Dundee	5	2	1	0	6	2	2	0	0	5	1	13	+8
2 Hamilton	5	1	1	1	3	3	2	0	0	6	1	10	+5
3 St Mirren	5	1	1	0	4	3	1	0	2	4	4	7	+1
4 G Morton	5	0	1	1	1	3	2	0	1	6	4	7	0
5 Falkirk	5	1	0	1	3	5	1	1	1	5	7	7	-4
6 Raith	5	1	1	0	3	2	0	2	1	3	5	6	-1
7 Stirling	5	0	1	2	4	7	1	1	0	4	3	5	-2
8 Ayr	5	0	1	2	4	6	1	0	1	3	2	4	-1
9 Airdrie	5	0	2	1	4	6	0	2	0	2	2	4	-2
10 Partick	5	0	0	2	1	5	0	3	0	4	4	3	-4

SECOND DIVISION

		HOME					AWAY						Goal
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	diff
1 East Fife	5	1	0	1	3	3	3	0	0	5	2	12	+3
2 Livingston	5	2	0	0	4	1	1	2	0	4	2	11	+5
3 Stenhsmur	5	2	1	0	6	4	1	0	1	3	2	10	+3
4 Clydebank	5	1	1	1	6	4	1	1	0	4	2	8	+4
5 Stranraer	5	2	1	0	6	1	0	1	1	2	3	8	+4
6 Forfar	5	0	0	3	3	9	2	0	0	3	1	6	-4
7 Clyde	5	1	0	1	3	2	0	2	1	2	5	5	-2
8 Brechin	5	0	1	1	2	4	1	0	2	5	9	4	-6
9 Invernss CT	5	0	2	1	3	4	0	1	1	4	5	3	-2
10 Queen of S	5	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	3	3	7	1	-5

THIRD DIVISION

		HOME					AWAY						Goal
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	diff
1 Alloa	5	2	0	0	6	1	2	0	1	4	2	12	+7
2 Arbroath	5	1	1	0	4	2	2	0	1	8	4	10	+6
3 Queen's Pk	5	2	1	0	8	3	1	0	1	1	1	10	+5
4 Ross Co	5	1	0	1	5	4	2	1	0	6	3	10	+4
5 Albion	5	2	0	0	4	2	1	0	2	6	11	9	-3
6 East Stirling	5	2	0	1	4	4	0	0	2	0	3	6	-3
7 Dumbarton	5	0	1	1	2	3	1	0	2	6	7	4	-2
8 Berwick	5	1	0	2	6	8	0	1	1	1	2	4	-3
9 Montrose	5	1	0	2	3	5	0	1	1	3	7	4	-6
10 Cowdenbth	5	1	0	2	1	3	0	0	2	0	3	3	-5

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Ojomoh's pace gives Bath the edge over Borders

Scottish Borders	17
Bath	31

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

WHATEVER preconceptions English clubs may have about competition in Europe, they are not having matters their own way within the home unions, never mind France and Italy. Leicester came a cropper in Dublin on Friday and, at a bright and breezy Hawick yesterday, Bath threatened to go the same way before asserting themselves in the final quarter.

Maybe it was the impending departure of Clive Woodward, their backs coach, to national duty with England, maybe the dismay of losing Jeremy Guscott on the verge of his comeback — whatever the reason Bath spent an uncomfortable hour in which they looked vulnerable to a Scottish Borders team that defended like demons in the second half and were always prepared to run at their visitors.

The large crowd at Mansfield Park will have shared the disappointment that Guscott could not play his first game since breaking his forearm in the final international between the British Isles and South Africa in July. Guscott strained a back ligament in training.

When Catt left the field at the interval with a bruised hip, Bath's back division struggled even more. Indeed, their inability to find a cutting edge led to a distinctly old-fashioned game, in which the swift rucking of the Borders and the cunning of Bryan Redpath gave the home side a glimmer of hope midway through the second half as they edged to within five points.

But Bath's equally old-fashioned capacity to raise their game when the chips are down earned them two late tries, the first by Ojomoh, who played like a man anxious to prove a point. After early handling errors, Ojomoh's pace off the back of numerous scrums tied up the hard-working Borders back row and provided the focal point that Bath so frequently lacked.

Earnshaw, the blond flanker, gave Bath their initial cushion with two tries as they took territorial advantage of the wind. The second was a joy to see after the Borders turned over possession and decisive passing between Pellow, Butland and Wood gave Earnshaw space to score, yet the darting Welsh and the strong running of Murray ensured that the Bath defence could seldom rest.

That Perry scored a third try after textbook work by Bath's forwards may have left the visitors feeling reasonably comfortable at the interval, even though Welsh nibbled back their advantage with two of a flood of penalties awarded to the Scots, frequently for Bath offending in the tackle. The little fly half added a third and a delightful pass from, of all people, Wright gave Stanger a clear run to the line.

That, though, was as near as the Borders could come. Earnshaw ended a prolonged period of pressure by sending Ojomoh over and though Aitchison added a fourth penalty, Horsman was able to roll over from a tapped penalty.

SCORERS: Scottish Borders: Try: Stanger (56min). Penalty goals: Welsh 3 (11, 40, 42), Aitchison (73). Bath: Tries: Earnshaw 2 (4, 17), Perry (25), Ojomoh (69), Horsman (80). Conversions: Callard 3
SCORING SEQUENCE (Scottish Borders first): 0-5, 3-5, 3-12, 3-19, 6-19 (half-time), 9-19, 14-19, 14-26, 17-26, 17-31.
SCOTTISH BORDERS: G Aitchison (Kelso); A Stanger (Hawick), C Murray (Hawick; rep: S Nichol, Melrose, 50min), K Utterson (Kelso), M Moncrieff (Melrose); S Welsh (Hawick), B Redpath (Melrose); N McIlroy (Jed-Forest; rep: M Browne, Melrose, 74), J Hay (Hawick, rep: S Brotherstone, Melrose, 74), P Wright (West of Scotland), R Brown (Melrose), I Fullarton (Dundee HSFP), C Redpath (Melrose), A Roxburgh (Kelso), C Hogg (Melrose).
BATH: J Callard; M Wood (rep: C Harrison, 40), P de Glanville, M Catt (rep: J Ewens, 40), M Perry; R Butland, R Pellow; D Hilton (rep: C Horsman, 70), M Regan, V Ubogu, N Redman, D Lyle (rep: M Haag, 59), R Earnshaw, R Webster (rep: R Bryan, 74-78), S Ojomoh.
Referee: N Williams (Wales).

RUGBY UNION: POWERFUL DISPLAY BY ENGLISH CHAMPIONS EARNS SECOND HEINEKEN CUP WIN

Logan at home as Wasps dominate

Glasgow	22
Wasps	46

By Mark Souster

IAN STEWART

Greenstock, the Wasps centre, dives between Glasgow's Wallace and Craig for his late try yesterday

A SECOND win away from home left Wasps top of Pool B in the Heineken Cup yesterday and looking good for automatic qualification for the quarter-finals, but mere match details were always likely to be of secondary importance on the day of Kenny Logan's return to Glasgow.

The Scotland wing took matters into his own hands last season when he left Stirling County to join Wasps. People criticised him for his decision and predicted failure. Instead, he immediately won a championship-winners' medal with Wasps, for whom his try scoring played a significant part in the title run-in.

Logan's obvious enjoyment of life in London earned him the sobriquet "Champagne Charlie" after Charlie Nicholas, the footballer, who followed the same route when he left Celtic for Arsenal in 1983.

Logan had few opportunites to show his ability at the Scotstoun Stadium yesterday, as Wasps played in fits and starts. He lived off scraps for much of the match but made several telling runs before scoring Wasps' fourth try when he beat a tiring Glasgow defence to touch down in the right corner.

By then, Gareth Rees had kicked the committed district side into submission. Glasgow succumbed only in the last 12 minutes, when they conceded three tries in quick succession. Rees scored 21 points from five penalty goals and three conversions, his only blemish being two missed conversions late on.

Glasgow were unable to build upon their win in Ulster. After the kick-off was delayed by 15 minutes to allow the 5,000 crowd time to enter the ground, Rees began his haul with three penalty goals in 18 minutes. Glasgow's reply was a solitary goal by Tommy Hayes, the fly half, one of two New Zealanders who played for the Cook Islands in order to facilitate their move to Britain.

Hayes and Fraser Stott, his half-back partner, were a constant threat to Wasps. Stott twice caught Gomarsall early on at the base of the scrum, and Dallaglio found Hayes a real irritant. Gomarsall, though, is a plucky individual and he scored Wasps' first try when he burst clear from a scrum on the 22.

Glasgow, who were guilty at times of kicking away too much hard-won possession, decided that they had no need to be intimidated by a side boasting nine internationals. Roared on by their supporters, they replied with a try through Hayes. Wasps made a mess of a tapped penalty. White dropped King's pass, and Hayes picked up the loose ball to run in from 40 metres.

Logan's strong run, in which he broke three tackles before being hauled down close to the line, led to Wasps' second try, scored by Sheasby from the resulting five-metre scrum.

Glasgow enjoyed their best spell in the third quarter. Stark weaved 40 metres through the middle and Glasgow piled forward. McIlwham was stopped on the line, but when the ball was recycled Hayes drifted right and crossed for his second try.

The home side, scenting a comeback, surged again: Stott was tackled inches from the line and then, as the ball was taken wide, only Dallaglio's timely tackle on Simmers prevented another score.

That signalled the end of Glasgow's resistance. They began to miss tackles through sheer fatigue, allowing Wasps to add a healthy, but flattering, sheen to the score.

SCORERS: Glasgow: Tries: Hayes 2 (27min, 47), Bulloch (80). Conversion: Hayes, Little. Penalty goal: Hayes (15). Wasps: Tries: Gomarsall (23), Sheasby (30), Greenstock (67), Logan (70), Roiser (75). Conversions: Rees 3. Penalty goals: Rees 5 (5, 12, 18, 44, 54).
SCORING SEQUENCE (Glasgow first): 0-3, 0-6, 3-6, 3-9, 3-16, 8-16, 8-23, (half-time), 8-26, 15-26, 15-29, 15-36, 15-41, 15-46, 22-46.
GLASGOW: C Sangster (Stirling County); D Stark (Glasgow Hawks; rep: G Metcalfe Glasgow Hawks, 78min), C Simmers (Glasgow Hawks), M McGrandles (Stirling County), J Craig (West of Scotland); T Hayes (Cook Islands; rep: C Little, West of Scotland, 78), F Stott (West of Scotland; rep: C Little, West of Scotland, 24-31); G McIlwham (Glasgow Hawks; rep: D Porte, Blackheath, 72), G Bulloch (West of Scotland), M Beckham (Cook Islands; rep: A Kittle, 55), C Afuakwah (Glasgow Hawks; rep: F Wallace, Glasgow Hawks, 55), G Perrett (West of Scotland), M Wallace (Glasgow Hawks), I Sinclair (Watsonians), D McLeish (West of Scotland)
WASPS: G Rees; S Roiser, N Greenstock, R Henderson, K Logan; A King, A Gomarsall (rep: M Wood, 73); W Green, S Mitchell (rep D Macer, 65), D Molloy, S Shaw, M Weedon (rep: D Cronin, 66), C Sheasby, L Dallaglio, M White.
Referee: A Lewis (Ireland)

Harlequins administer French lesson to Bourgoin

Harlequins	45
Bourgoin	7

By David Hands

THOUGH the hard part of their campaign is still to come, Harlequins, blessed with two successive home fixtures with which to open their Heineken Cup challenge, took every possible advantage at the Stoop Memorial Ground on Saturday.

More than that, however, was the manner in which the points came. Harlequins, playing a brand of rugby that looked more French than that of their opponents, went a long way towards convincing themselves that they can play their ambitious game at the highest level of club competition that the northern hemisphere can offer.

It is no coincidence that they have a trio of Frenchmen, all of whom were itching to make their presence felt. It was a day to make England selectors wince: the starting line-ups contained only five players qualified for England, while Jean-Claude Skrela and Pierre Villepreux, the coaches of France, had 18 upon whom to dwell.

Skrela and Villepreux, however, are likely to remain unconvinced even by the 25-point haul of Thierry Lacroix. They are looking to the future and Lacroix and Laurent Cabannes, magnificently though they played, may be of the past. Lacroix, at 30, will have none of it: "I am always available for France," he said. "If they want me, they can call me."

Harlequins' progress was helped significantly by Lacroix's boot as he drilled five penalty goals into the gusting breeze in the first quarter, but half the kicks were the result of enterprising play by the London club and desperate defence by Bourgoin, who paid the penalty for their cheap day-return visit: their morning flight was late, they arrived in a hurry and played in a disorganised manner.

"I was surprised by Harlequins' quality, by their wide game and specially the way they kept the ball," Michel Couturas, the Bourgoin coach, said. He did, though, make the point that Bourgoin are one of the least-penalised clubs in the French championship and they still found themselves on the rough end of the referee's whistle.

To his team's credit, they never allowed momentary lapses of temper to get out of hand and kept their shape sufficiently well to test the Harlequins defence. Yet they committed a surprising number of players to the loose phases, whereas Harlequins fanned out and gobbled up what Bourgoin could throw at them.

That Bourgoin scored the first try was out of context with the game as a whole: a two-minute burst immediately before the interval gave Harlequins a healthy lead, Williams scoring after Carling's half-break and Ngauamo crossing after a wonderful 65-metre move.

A rash of substitutions disrupted continuity, but O'Leary's powerful run paved the way for Ngauamo's second try and Wood, to popular acclaim, seized the fourth, even though he had to turn round to pick up Liley's pass.

There, at least, was some encouragement for England, since Power, one of Harlequins' home-bred youngsters, had the confidence and pace to make the long run that allowed his captain a deserved moment of glory.

SCORERS: Harlequins: Tries: Ngauamo 2 (40min, 61), Williams (39), Wood (73). Conversions: Lacroix 2. Penalty goals: Lacroix 7 (2, 4, 7, 16, 21, 34, 55). Bourgoin: Try: Frier (28). Conversion: Favre
SCORING SEQUENCE (Harlequins first): 3-0, 6-0, 9-0, 12-0, 15-0, 15-7, 18-7, 25-7, 30-7 (half-time), 33-7, 40-7, 45-7.
HARLEQUINS: J Williams; D O'Leary, W Carling (rep: S Power, 69min), J Ngauamo, L Bellgol (rep: R Liley, 62); T Lacroix, H Harries; M Cuttita, K Wood (rep: P Delaney, 77), J Leonard, Gareth Llewellyn (rep: G Allison, 69), L Gross, R Jenkins, L Cabannes, W Davison.
BOURGOIN: N Geany; L Leflamand, S Glas, G Cassagne (rep: D Jann, 63), Y Bohu; P Favre (rep: A Peclier, 52), D Mazille; L Gomez (rep: O Milloud, 52), J-F Martin-Culet, D Morgan, M Cecillon (rep: F Nibelle, 52), J Dauda, M Malafosse, J Frier (rep: F Grange, 52), P Raschi.
Referee: N Whitehouse (Wales).

Battling Munster fail to make most of their opportunities

Cardiff	43
Munster	23

By Mark Souster

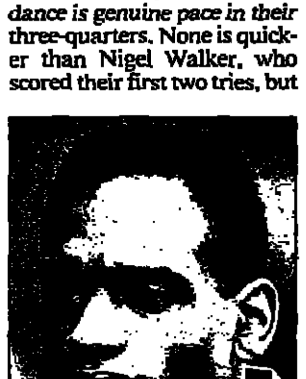
DESPITE, or perhaps because of their heavy investment in players, the feeling persists that Cardiff are a collection of expensively assembled individuals still in the process of getting to know one another. However, after the narrow defeat by Bourgoin, the Heineken Cup finalists of two years ago, they will be satisfied that progress is being made; Harlequins next week will be the litmus test.

To an extent, the game was spoiled by Brian Campsall, a fussy referee, who allowed little advantage to be played and even less to develop at the breakdown point. Munster suffered most from this and will be aggrieved that, on two occasions, they were awarded penalties on the Cardiff line when a try seemed likely. Campsall also listened to the crowd and awarded a scrum to Cardiff for a forward pass by Crotty when he, Campsall, was 30 metres from the action. Cardiff promptly went up the other end and scored.

However, Munster did not help themselves. When it became apparent that Frank Sheahan, a replacement for Brian McDermott, the hooker, could not find his jumpers, they still persisted in kicking for touch. Munster did not win a single lineout on their own throw in the first half, which ended with them 22-6 in arrears. In the second half, they also conceded soft scores to Steve Williams and Steve Wake, almost immediately after forcing their way back to within range.

What Cardiff have in abundance is genuine pace in their three-quarters. None is quicker than Nigel Walker, who scored their first two tries, but pulled his hamstring when crossing the line for the second after 35 minutes. He will be out for a fortnight. Leigh Davies also showed glimpses of the class that earned him an international place two seasons ago.

Playing with the wind in the second half, O'Gara used the Garryowen effectively. From one towering kick, Munster scored through Quinlan, the flanker, after the bounce deceived Silva, and, had they managed to convert pressure into points in the ten-minute spell thereafter, the outcome might have been different.



Walker: out for two weeks

SCORERS: Cardiff: Tries: Walker 2 (3min, 34), Williams 2 (60, 73), Humphreys (11), Wake (46). Conversions: Jarvis 5. Penalty goal: Jarvis (40). Munster: Tries: Lacey 2 (59, 75), Quinlan (41). Conversion: O'Gara. Penalty goals: O'Gara 2 (27, 39)
SCORING SEQUENCE (Cardiff first): 5-0, 12-0, 12-3, 19-3, 19-6, 22-6 (half-time), 22-11, 29-11, 29-18, 36-18, 43-18, 43-23.
CARDIFF: M Silva; N Walker (rep: G Barnard, 35min), L Davies, G Jones, S Hill L Jarvis, S Wake (rep: J Hewlett, 75); A Lewis, J Humphreys, L Mustoe (rep: D Young, 68), A Rees, D Jones (rep: E Lewis, 65), G Kacala, G Jones (rep: M Bennett, 76), S Williams (rep: K Stewart, 75).
MUNSTER: D Crotty (Garryowen); J Lacey (Sunday's Well), K Keane (Garryowen), R Ellison (Shannon), A Horgan (Cork Constitution); R O'Gara (Cork Constitution), B O'Meara (Cork Constitution); I Murray (Cork Constitution, rep: G Walsh, Garryowen, 73), F Sheahan (UCC), P Clohessy (Queensland), M Galway (Shannon, captain), U O'Callaghan (Cork Constitution), E Halvey (Shannon), A Quinlan (Shannon), A Foley (Shannon).
Referee: B Campsall (England).

Singular talents of Thomas stand out amidst mediocrity

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By Gerald Davies

WHEN all around seems so frustratingly humdrum, the nitty gritty of the programme notes suddenly seem irresistibly absorbing: or when the going gets tedious at Swansea, you can while away a desultory moment or two enviously counting the number of Chardonnay-quaffing onlookers who watch the match for free on the balconies of the three-storey villas adjacent to the ground. You notice such things when the rugby doesn't add up to much.

But all was not lost on Saturday, however. A singular talent can make a difference. Whilst there was a great deal that was less than ordinary around him, Arwel Thomas remained a joy to watch. He is an imp of a player. Even when things go awry for him, as they can often do, a smile is not far from his lips, suggesting that, fairly soon, he will correct things in no small manner. Thomas will speed up matters and make one catch one's breath.

In the first half in this generally ineffectual match, he kicked four penalties from various angles and converted Gibbs's try inches from the touchline.

Stuart Laing was equally sure-footed with his two first-half penalties. He and Ward were the pick of a somewhat disjointed Ulster team. Thomas was to succeed three times with his boot against the wind in the second half after Gallick scored a try, which Laing converted. This, with Laing's third penalty, brought the visitors to within three points of the leaders, but, duly assisted by Rhodri Jones inside him and the bullocking runs of Gibbs in the centre, Thomas was able to demonstrate what a tricky runner he is.

Noticing his size and not understanding the devil-may-care mood inside him, wing forwards are apt to take their eyes of Thomas; at their peril, of course. He sold several outrageous dummies to create space for himself, but saved the best until the final moments when he feinted to pass and sent the defence motoring away in the other direction. Having opened up a freeway of vast proportions, he sent Huw Thomas on a 50-metre run for a superb try.

Thomas: tricky runner

SCORERS: Swansea: Tries: Gibbs (18min), H Thomas (79). Conversion: A Thomas. Penalty goals: A Thomas 7 (3, 24, 37, 40, 57, 60, 62). Ulster: Try: Gallick (47). Conversion: Laing. Penalty goals: Laing 3 (23, 31, 56).
SCORING SEQUENCE (Swansea first): 3-0, 10-0, 10-3, 13-3, 13-6, 16-6, 19-6 (half-time), 19-13, 19-16, 22-16, 25-16, 28-16, 33-16
SWANSEA: L Evans; R Rees, D Weatherley (rep: H Thomas, 12min), S Gibbs, A Harris (rep: A Williams, 63); A Thomas, R Jones; C Loader, G Jenkins (rep: C Wells, 77), C Anthony, T Maullin, P Arnold (rep: D Niblo, 32), R Appleyard, D Thomas (rep: A Reynolds, 56), P Moriarty.
ULSTER: R Morrow (Dungannon; J Cunningham (Ballymena, M Field (Malone), J Topping (Ballymena), S Coulter (Ballymena; rep: A Park, Blackheath, 54), S Laing (Portadown), S Bell (Dungannon); R Mackey (Malone), S Ritchie (Ballymena; rep: M Patton, Dungannon, 69), G Leslie (Dungannon), T McWhirter (Ballymena), G Longwell (Ballymena), S McKinty (Bangor), A Ward (Ballynahinch), K Gallick (City of Derry).
Referee: K McCartney (Scotland)

Sella turns on the old magic to fire Saracens

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Castres	21

By Alison Kervin

SARACENS celebrated their first competitive home game of the season yesterday with a crucial victory in the European Conference. They beat Castres — arguably the strongest French side in the conference — in a fast and fluid game.

They had no problem achieving their pre-match aim of combining the experience of their international players with the fitness and enthusiasm of their young hopefuls.

Castres reached the final of the Conference last year, so Saracens are now in the happy position of having wins against last year's semi-finalists and finalists under their belts. It is a credit to the enormous amount of work they have done during the close season.

In addition to moving grounds and purchasing a remote-control car that drives on to the field carrying the kicking rings, they have been on a signing frenzy and now have 14 internationals on their books. Paradoxically, it was a Frenchmen who dominated the action for them yesterday. Phillipe Sella, the veteran centre, was awesome — faster, in thought and action, than any of the younger players on the field. Despite being in his mid-thirties, Sella is still as creative and fast as he was when he graced the field for France in his heyday.

Saracens took the lead after a couple of minutes when Paul Wallace, their British Isles prop, went over. He was followed ten minutes later by Sella after superb support play from Brendan Daniel, who took a pass from Michael Lynagh and held off two defenders before passing behind his back to Sella for the try.

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The fly halves' battle for control of the game — between the internationals, Thomas Castaignede and Lynagh, was relentless — but the really hard work was done by the forwards. Castres scrummaged well and Saracens, with three new players in the pack, struggled to assert themselves.

Their back row of Ben Sturnham, who replaced the resting Richard Hill, François Pienaar and Tony Diprose never really got off the mark, although Sturnham showed promise when he did manage to get the ball in his hands.

Happily, Saracens dominated in the backs, producing a sparkling performance to contrast with the forward-dominated, defensive style that coloured their victory last week.

Steven Ravenscroft rounded off the try count for Saracens by diving over midway through the second half to cap a magnificent individual performance.

Castres scored two tries, one from Mauricio Reggardio, the prop, two minutes after coming on, and a second from Olivier Sarramea, the full back.

SCORERS: Saracens: Tries: Wallace (2min), Sella (14), Ravenscroft (52). Conversion: Lynagh. Penalty goals: Lynagh 3 (31, 39, 71). Castres: Tries: Reggiardo (65), Sarramea (63). Conversion: Castagnède. Penalty goals: Castaignède 3 (34, 42, 49).
SCORING SEQUENCE: 5-0, 10-0, 13-0, 13-3, 13-6, 16-6 (half-time), 16-9, 23-9, 23-16, 26-16, 26-21.
SARACENS: M Singer; B Daniel (rep: R Constable, 74min), P Sella, S Ravenscroft, R Wallace; M Lynagh, B Free; B Reidy (rep: A Olver, 60), G Chuter (rep: G Botterman, 67), P Wallace, D Grewcock, A Copsey (rep P Ogilvie, 77), F Pienaar, B Sturnham, A Diprose.
CASTRES: O Sarramea; P Escalle, E Artiguste, J-M Avé, C Lucquiaud; T Castaignede, F Séguier; L Toussaint, C Batut, T Lafforgue (rep: M Reggiardo, 65), C Gaston (rep L Bonventre, 48), J-F Gourragne, B Della Riva (rep: I Lassissi, 53), N Hallinger, T Labrousse
Referee: P Bolland (Wales)

Brighton are brought back down to earth

FRESH ambitions were greeted with a familiar storyline on Saturday when Brighton, who, in the spring, began to send out mumblings about being the next Newbury or Worcester, albeit that they were languishing at the bottom of London III South East, were knocked out of the NPI Cup at the first opportunity, 24-12 by Jersey (Barry Trowbridge writes).

Backed to the sum of £200,000 by Andrew Goodall, the millionaire owner of Brighton Arena, the club recruited heavily during the summer, bringing in, among others, five players from neighbouring Lewes and Alex Balls, a Sussex centre, from Havant, but the change in personnel left Brighton disjointed and it was little wonder that talk soon turned to the importance of the league.

Four penalty goals by Piers Berry put Brighton in early control, but Jersey rallied well and tries by Kevin McGinty, just before half-time, Mark Cvitanich and Andy Whelan, all of which McGinty converted, to complement his penalty goal, put them into the second round on October 4.

Richmond make promising progress

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Bridgend	14

By Nicolas Andrews

THE jury is still out on the European Conference. The concept is certainly excellent, the execution rather less so.

Can a competition to find the best of the rest justify six rounds of pool games before moving on to the knockout stages? Perhaps, by limiting involvement to the teams finishing fifth to eighth in the English league, with a similar number from France, Wales, Scotland et al, the competition would be keener, the early results more meaningful.

Be that as it may, progress in the Conference is important for Richmond this season. A place in the last eight, or four, should not be beyond them.

Defeat at Colomiers in their first game last week was therefore not ideal, but, given the structure of the competition, not a disaster either. Winning the home games is what matters, preferably by as wide a margin as possible.

So, three tries in the last six minutes against Bridgend on Saturday left the impression of a job well done by Richmond. If the first half had been a largely frustrating affair, the tries for Earl Va'a and Allan Bateman were well taken and, although Bridgend threatened briefly after half-time, the result was never in doubt.

Rolando Martin looks to be arguably the most astute of Richmond's summer signings. When Scott Quinnell returns next month, a back row of Martin, Quinnell and Clarke will be feared by many, respected by all.

The Argentina international was at the heart of the first two Richmond tries and kept pace with Spencer Brown to put Jason Wright over in the closing stages. Va'a gave Richmond a host of options at fly half and Simon Mason's kicking, at goal and out of hand, was not far from flawless.

SCORERS: Richmond: Tries: Va'a 2 (7min, 80), Bateman (39), Quinnell (47), Wright (74), Hutton (76). Conversions: Mason 5. Penalty goal: Mason (22). Bridgend: Try: Durston (60). Penalty goals: Cull 3 (36, 57, 63).
SCORING SEQUENCE (Richmond first): 7-0, 10-0, 10-3, 17-3 (half-time), 24-3, 24-6, 24-11, 24-14, 31-14, 36-14, 43-14.
RICHMOND: S Mason; J Wright, A Bateman, M Hutton, S Brown; E Va'a, A Moore; D McFarland, B Williams, J Davies, C Quinnell (rep: A Codling, 53-64min), R West, R Martin, A Vander (rep: C Palmer, 40), B Clarke.
BRIDGEND: G Cull; J Dodd, G Thomas (rep: D Jones, 49), L Davies, A Durston; M Lewis (rep: G Lewis, 30), C Hamans (rep: G Downes, 49), D Francis, I Greenslade (rep: G A Thomas, 16-19; 73), L Manning, O Lloyd, C Stevens, J Purnell, A Williams, G Phillips (rep: E Williams, 44).
Referee: R McDowell (Ireland).

Two off before Brive snatch late victory

EVEN a double sending-off could not overshadow a rousing climax in France yesterday as Patrick Lubungu scored a try for Brive in the dying seconds of the Heineken Cup pool C clash with Pontypridd. The holders consequently won 32-31. The Welsh side had taken the lead late in the second half, when Kevin Morgan charged down Christophe Lamaison's clearance kick and followed up to score.

Dale McIntosh, the Pontypridd No 8, and Lionel Nallier, the Brive flanker, were dismissed by Ed Murray after fighting broke out in the 27th minute. Both men have been banned for a month.

Newcastle continued their impressive start in pool G of the European Conference by scoring eight tries as they defeated Perpignan 60-3. Renaud Peillard, a prop, and Didier Plana, a centre, were both sent off as the French side's frustrations boiled over.

Pat Lam scored a hat-trick of tries for Newcastle, for whom Va'aiga Tuigamala was also impressive. Tim Stimpson kicked four penalty goals and four conversions.

RACING: PEINTRE CELEBRE'S DEFEAT LEADS TO ALTERCATION BETWEEN TOP FRENCH JOCKEYS

Peslier loses out in tactical battle

FROM RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT
AT LONGCHAMP

A SIMMERING feud between Olivier Peslier and Cash Asmussen boiled over here yesterday with accusations of unprofessionalism and threats of violence after Peintre Celebre was beaten at odds of 10-1 on in a highly controversial Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe trial.

Peslier, who rode the French Derby winner, found himself trapped on the rails in the Prix Niel by Ithaki, ridden by Asmussen, and each time he attempted to extricate himself Asmussen appeared to block his move.

"I think he wanted me to lose this race. He didn't ride his horse: he rode to beat me. Just before the turn I pulled back a little to go on the outside and he pulled back with me. When I wanted to go on, he went on. All the time he stayed with me and never took a chance. It was like Ben Hur," Peslier said. "I wanted to ride out the back because I wanted to come on the outside. He finished last but I think he is happy because I didn't win."

The public clash comes only a week after Peslier replaced Asmussen on Helissio, last year's Arc winner. Peslier had earlier criticised the way Asmussen rode Helissio in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot.

"He is very angry because he doesn't ride Helissio. It is not professional," Peslier said. "If I had no chance I would open up a little bit and say 'you go on' because I will finish last. But I think he is happy. I don't understand. I will not speak to Cash because if there was a big fight between Asmussen and Peslier the stewards will not be happy and, as you say in England, Peslier is a gentleman.

"Today was only a group two. Next time is the Arc. My horse is a nice horse and if he finishes like that maybe I will win. I didn't want to kill my horse, kill Cash and get 15 days' suspension."

Peslier confirmed there had been previous incidents between him and Asmussen. Smiling broadly, he added: "Cash doesn't ride Helissio [in the Arc], I don't know why."

When I suggested to Asmussen that the Prix Niel had been a tactical race, the Texas-born jockey exploded. Using abusive language, he was thoroughly unpleasant. Perhaps his behaviour says more about a jockey whose best years are behind him.

Asmussen's tactics enabled Rajpoute, trained by François Doumen, to snatch a decisive lead and, although Peintre Celebre made up the best part of three lengths inside the final furlong, he went down by a neck.

The controversial race left the big bookmakers in confusion as they revised their Arc prices. Ladbrokes had no hesitation im promoting Pilsudski to 3-1 favourite (from 4-1) after his Irish Champion Stakes success on Saturday. They then bet 4-1 Peintre Celebre and Helissio, 6-1 Swain, 12-1 My Emma.

However, William Hill took the opposite view, making Peintre Celebre its market leader at 3-1 (from 4-1) with 7-2 Helissio (from 3-1), 4-1 Pilsudski, 7-1 Swain, 10-1 My Emma. The Tote and Coral opted for Helissio as their favourite.

Significantly, André Fabre, trainer of Peintre Celebre, was phlegmatic about the race. "It's a trial. Who cares about the Prix Niel. These things happen. I am disappointed for the people who backed him but it is just bad luck. I am happy with the horse."

Earlier in the afternoon, the Aidan O'Brien-trained Second Empire emerged as a classic contender for 1998 after winning the Prix des Chenes in taking style. Michael Tabor, his owner, said: "He's in everything and the sky is the limit." The Fairy King colt is now generally second favourite for the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket and joint-favourite for the Derby.

ED BYRNE

Rajpoute holds a winning advantage in the Prix Niel as the luckless Peintre Celebre is hemmed in on the rails

LONGCHAMP DETAILS

3.10 PRIX VERMEILLE
(Group I: 3-Y-O fillies: £89,787: 1m 4f)
1, QUEEN MAUD (O Peslier), 2, Gazelle Royale (C Asmussen); 3, Brilliance (S Guillot). 10 ran. 1l, nose. J de Roualle. Pari-mutuel (inc 1Fr stake): 18.40; 4.00, 2.20, 2.10. CSF: 69.40.

3.40 PRIX NIEL
(Group II: 3-Y-O: £44,893: 1m 4f)
1, RAJPOUTE (G Mosse); 2, Peintre Celebre (O Peslier); 3, Ivan Luis (J Reid). 5 ran. Nk, 1l. F Doumen. Pari-mutuel: 6.70. CSF: 12.90.

4.15 PRIX FOY (Group III: £24,691: 1m 4f)
1, YOKOHAMA (O Doleuze); 2, Nothin' Leica Dane (G Mosse); 3, Le Destin (T Gillet). 8 ran. 1l, ½l. Mme C Head. Pari-mutuel: 21.40; 4.20, 2.90, 2.00. CSF: 106.60.

Eddery shows classic timing

By CHRIS McGRATH

AT THE end of an afternoon of squalls and sunshine, a brilliant rainbow appeared over Town Moor on Saturday. For the second time in an hour, something majestic had been born of opposing elements. Earlier, the fire of Pat Eddery's talent, shrouded by a personality that tends to be caricatured as sullen and grey, had wrought a suitably monumental triumph for Silver Patriarch in the Pertemps St Leger at Doncaster.

However bleakly, the 11-times champion jockey preserves a radiant inner power which, with a due sense of occasion, now yielded his 4,000th British success.

The din which greeted the Irishman owed less to the fact that his mount had gone off 5-4 favourite than to the genuine warmth with which punters respond to 28 years' service in their cause. There is no superficial engagement between them and, at 45, he is as retiring as ever. Which is to say, not retiring at all — not after joining an elite comprising just Gordon Richards (4,870 winners) and Lester Piggott (4,493).

"I'd love to beat Lester's tally," he said yesterday. "I've known him for a long time and he's a good mate, as well as the best rider I've seen. I've got a good chance. I'll ride as long as I can."

Piggott has been the grey eminence in Eddery's career, both men having been consumed by the sport at an early age, finding confidence and self-expression in one way only. As Eddery said in his autobiography: "On horseback, I was instilled with a conviction and self-belief I never felt at other times." But if his great drive is vividly evident in his energetic style, he is not tormented like Piggott, whose technique he copied even as he beat him to a first championship in 1974. For his dour image is belied by the affection of his colleagues, who drowned him in champagne on returning to the weighing room.

Silver Patriarch's supporters already included most neutrals. The grey, such a gallant loser in the Derby, is home-bred by Peter Winfield. As John Dunlop, who has now trained nine classic winners, said: "Peter was wonderful about getting beat at Epsom, taking it on the chin, while I was very distraught."

Winfield has already confirmed that Silver Patriarch stays in training, although he may now be put away for the season. "This horse has a deceptive turn of foot, and left Vertical Speed standing," Winfield said. "My racing dreams have come true, and I'm proud that my colours will forever be associated with Pat's great achievement."

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

2.00 Wadi
2.30 Premium Princess
3.00 Deterrent
3.30 Bold Tina
4.00 Sing With The Band
4.30 Stoned Immaculate
5.00 Ginger Rogers
5.30 Zidac

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM — DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING — SIS

2.00 NOTTINGHAM MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,115: 1m 54yd) (17)

101 (3) 0 ANTONIO JOLI 7 (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 9-0 J Weaver -
102 (11) ASAKIR (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-0 L Dettori -
103 (14) COMMON VIEW (A Plant) N Tinkler 9-0 C Rutter -
104 (10) 05 COUNSEL 13 (Wyck Hall Stud) C Brittain 9-0 G Duffield 84
105 (17) 00 DELAYED REACTION 21 (R Sangster) N Callaghan 9-0 S Drowne 44
106 (13) DOCKLAND EXECUTIVE (Mrs L Olley) B Smart 9-0 J Stack -
107 (12) 0 El El 58 (W Gredley) B Hills 9-0 Paul Eddery -
108 (9) 0 FREE 95 (H R H Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 9-0 Pat Eddery -
109 (6) 2 HADITH 33 (H al-Maktoum) D Morley 9-0 R Hills 87
110 (1) 00 MISTER BUNCH 21 (Mr & Mrs G Middlebrook) E Weymes 9-0 S Sanders -
111 (15) 63 NAJJAR 23 (H al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 W Ryan 45+
112 (8) 0 PAIRUMANI STAR 18 (Windflower Overseas Holdings Inc) J Dunlop 9-0 G Carter -
113 (5) 06 RUDE SHOCK 24 (J Ellis) M Tompkins 9-0 D Biggs -
114 (4) 00 SMILING VOTER 7 (Winning Team) R Hannon 9-0 Dane O'Neill 52
115 (7) WADI (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0 K Fallon -
116 (2) BLANCHE THE ALMOND (N Shutts) C Smith 8-9 V Slattery -
117 (16) 5000 FLEET LADY 97 (H Duffield) Mrs P Duffield 8-9 J Quinn -

BETTING: 2-1 Wadi, 4-1 Asakir, 9-2 Hadith, 7-1 Najjar, 12-1 El El, Pairumani Star, 14-1 Free, 20-1 others

FORM FOCUS Asakir, a Nashwan colt, half-brother to 3 winners including miler Tahdid. Counsel was 9½l 5th to Up At The Top in 6f Folkestone auction stakes (good). Hadith showed promise when ½l 2nd to Due South in 7½f Beverley maiden (good). Najjar 3¼l 3rd to Albench in 1m Beverley maiden (good to firm). Wadi, a Green Desert colt, is a full brother to winning sprinter Furnish.

HADITH may prove best of those that have run

2.30 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CCC FILLIES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,642: 6f 15yd) (20 runners)

201 (16) 5352 ALPHA WHISKY 21 (BF) (J Smith) I Balding 9-7 L Dettori 68
202 (18) 432240 SANDY SHORE 32 (J Rose) J Wharton 9-7 R Ffrench (3) 76
203 (2) 045 QUIZ SHOW 11 (Lostford Manor Stud) R Hannon 9-7 Dane O'Neill 68
204 (6) 502603 POSITIVE AIR 10 (R Thornhill) B McMahon 9-7 M Roberts 80
205 (15) 363341 MISS PUCI 19 (F) (J Pucker) J Berry 9-5 C Lowther (5) 71
206 (3) 500045 ALLASELLA 12 (Merthyr Motor Auctions) B Palling 9-3 T Sprake 68
207 (5) 005 GREEBA 10 (Barouche Stud Ltd) R Hannon 9-2 Pat Eddery 77
208 (1) 00034 SALIGO 10 (Beach Club) M Morrison 8-12 C Rutter 66
209 (10) 0020 PREMIUM PRINCESS 20 (Premium Bloodstock Plc) J J Quinn 8-11 S Sanders 64
210 (9) 554 MOUNTAIN MAGIC 13 (Hargood Ltd) D Ffrench Davis 8-11 J Weaver 76
211 (19) 530 GOLDEN FORTUNE 28 (Lucayan Stud) D Loder 8-10 K Fallon 65
212 (4) 045 DEKELSMARY 29 (D Moscop) J Balding 8-10 J Edmunds 59
213 (12) 403 KUSTOM KIT KATE 20 (Charterhouse Holdings Plc) S Bowring 8-9 C Teague (3) 73
214 (6) 25063 TURF MOOR 16 (Valley Paddocks Racing Ltd) J J O'Neill 8-8 T E Durcan (3) 69
215 (13) 0020106 SHANNON 12 (D,F) (E Holoute) C Dwyer 8-3 S Drowne 77
216 (11) 3009 STARLINER 40 (Northgate Lodge Partnerships) M Brittain 8-3 G Carter 55
217 (7) 4069 DOWNCLOSE DUCHESS 34 (R & C T W) M Blanshard 8-3 J Quinn 59
218 (20) 04000 DESERT NATIVE 13 (Bearstrom Syndicate) C Wall 8-2 G Duffield 66
219 (17) 0006066 MAGICAL DANCER 12 (Piccolo Boys) Mrs P Sidfield 8-2 Martin Dwyer 67
220 (11) 0400 TOWNVILLE CEE CEE 12 (Townville C C Pc) J Wainwright 8-1 J Bramhill 59

BETTING: 6-1 Alpha Whisky, 7-1 Miss Puci, 8-1 Sandy Shore, 10-1 Positive Air, Allasella, 12-1 others

FORM FOCUS Alpha Whisky 1½l 2nd to Mrs Middle in 6f Warwick nursery (good to soft). Sandy Shore 10l 7th to Deki in 7f Beverley nursery (good to soft). Positive Air 1½l 3rd to Escudo in 6f Haydock maiden (good to soft) with Greeba (2lb better off) 4¼l 5th. Miss Puci beat Love Again sh hd in 5f Carlisle auction stakes (firm). Saligo 2½l 4th to Class, Crea in 6f Haydock claimer (good to soft). Kustom Kit Kate 1l 3rd to Cumbrian Cadet in 5f Ripon auction stakes (good to firm).

ALPHA WHISKY can go one better at the expense of Positive Air

3.00 EBF SEPTEMBER MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,466: 6f 15yd) (17 runners)

301 (1) CAPTAIN TIM (W Said) D Loder 9-0 Pat Eddery -
302 (5) 022 DETERRENT 68 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 L Dettori 94
303 (4) 56 DRAGON BOY 40 (Mrs N Mathias) I Williams 9-0 K Fallon 81
304 (3) DUDLEY ALLEN (Miss L Dawes) T Clement 9-0 J Quinn -
305 (11) EMINENT (J Rose) Lord Huntingdon 9-0 W Ryan -
306 (7) 204 HADID 45 (H al-Maktoum) B Hills 9-0 R Hills 93
307 (16) JILA (H al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0 G Carter -
308 (6) KRISAMBA (B Schmidt-Bodner) B Meehan 9-0 M Tebbutt -
309 (12) 5 PERSIANO 11 (Miss A Church) J Fanshawe 9-0 N Day 69
310 (17) REDSWAN (P Geoghan) S C Williams 9-0 P Bloomfield -
311 (13) 00 TAUREAN 30 (Mrs L Graham) N Graham 9-0 A McGlone -
312 (10) THE ARTFUL DODGER (Equinimity) R Williams 9-0 G Duffield -
313 (8) YOUNG JOSH (D Armitage) J Gosden 9-0 G Hind -
314 (9) 0 HAUNT THE ZOO 52 (H Cushing) J L Harris 8-9 S Sanders -
315 (15) 00 MARION'S PET 23 (R Hodges) R Hodges 8-9 N Adams -
316 (2) 0 NIGHT AUCTION 34 (Merthyr Motor Auctions) B Palling 8-9 T Sprake -
317 (14) SERENGETTI (Racing Post Syndicate) J Berry 8-9 C Lowther (5) -

BETTING: 7-4 Deterrent, 9-4 Hadid, 5-1 Captain Tim, 10-1 Eminent, Jila, 14-1 Persiano, Young Josh, 16-1 Krisamba, 20-1 Serengetti, The Artful Dodger, Dragon Boy, 25-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Captain Tim, a Lion Cavern colt out of Monaiya, is half-brother to two decent winners. Deterrent was 4l 2nd to the smart Daggers Drawn in 6f Newmarket maiden (good). Hadid 1l 4th to Chester House in 7f Goodwood maiden (good to firm). Persiano 17l 5th to Gurkha in 6f York maiden (soft). Young Josh is a Warning colt out of Title Roll.

DETERRENT has good chance of opening his account

3.30 BRANSTON ABBY FILLIES HANDICAP (Div I: £3,171: 6f 15yd) (20 runners)

401 (3) 31-005 ANTONIA'S CHOICE 29 (G) (Mrs C Deuters) J Berry 3-9-12 C Lowther (5) 63
402 (1) 000-400 DAYLIGHT DREAMS 37 (G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-9-11 A Morris 49
403 (20) 5P00055 MOUCHE 21 (V,C,F) (M Simmonds) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-9 K Fallon 55
404 (19) 3000621 BOLD TINA 12 (F) (Mrs C Harrington) R Hannon 3-9-8 Dane O'Neill 70
405 (7) 0254441 NEWLANDS CORNER 31 (B,D,F) (Jolly Stokers) J Akehurst 4-9-5 D Biggs 68
406 (2) 5000-00 TIMES OF TIMES 19 (V,CD,F,G) (A Reid) G L Moore 4-9-3 G Duffield -
407 (10) 055004 GRACE 14 (Treevale Syndicate) J Bradley 3-9-0 S Drowne 49
408 (16) 6014006 THIRD PARTY 30 (D,F) (Mrs G Smith) S Dow 3-8-13 S Sanders 48
409 (8) 00-0600 CHARLTON SPRING 12 (D,S) (R Hodges) R Hodges 3-8-13 P P Murphy (3) 55
410 (11) 0423153 COLLEGE PRINCESS 40 (F) (College Farm) S C Williams 3-8-9 D Williams (7) 64
411 (6) 3560401 SUEDORO 14 (D,F,S) (A Paterson) J Goldie 7-8-8 R Ffrench (3) 67
412 (12) 0632040 NELLIE NORTH 30 (B,F) (G Greenwood) G McCourt 4-8-7 C Rutter 67
413 (17) 610500 POLGWYNNE 31 (Tregarethan Partners) B Smart 3-8-5 J Stack 55
414 (9) 3302600 NAPIER STAR 18 (V,D) (P Heaton) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-1 J Quinn 64
415 (4) 0200060 PATHAZE 14 (F) (N Warriner) N Bycroft 4-7-13 Martin Dwyer 65
416 (15) 66/0-04 PRINCESS RENATA 25 (Mrs R Johnston) Pat Mitchell 4-7-13 J Tate 59
417 (13) 0302000 NAMPARA BAY 26 (B) (L Howe & Partners) G Bravery 3-7-12 D R McCabe 53
418 (18) 2300000 TERRY'S ROSE 42 (Mrs L Hunt) R Hollinshead 3-7-12 N Carlisle -
419 (14) 400-000 SMILING BESS 63 (E Mangan) J King 4-7-10 A Polli (5) -
420 (5) 0030656 LADY SILK 51 (CD,F,S) (T Marshall) Miss J Craze 6-7-10 J Lowe 60

Long handicap: Smiling Bess 7-8, Lady Silk 7-6

BETTING: 5-1 Bold Tina, 6-1 Mouche, 8-1 Newlands Corner, 10-1 Antonia's Choice, Times Of Times, Grace, Charlton Spring, College Princess, 14-1 others

FORM FOCUS Antonia's Choice 9¼l 5th to Al Muallim in 6f Lingfield handicap (good to firm). Mouche 1¼l 5th to Samsung Spirit in 6f Ripon handicap (good). Bold Tina beat Petite Danseuse 1¼l in 7f Brighton stakes (good to firm) with Charlton Spring (9lb better off) 12l 7th. Newlands Corner beat *Zalotto 1½l in 6f Southwell handicap (AW). College Princess 5l 3rd to Divine Miss-P in 5f Yarmouth* fillies handicap (good to firm) with Napier Star (3lb better off) 14l last. Suedoro beat Bowlers Boy sh hd in 5f Hamilton apprentice handicap (good to soft) with Pathaze (6lb better off) 7¼l 10th.

BOLD TINA has sufficient speed to cope with this drop back to six furlongs

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%
H Cecil	13	56	23.2
J Gosden	9	37	24.3
P Makin	8	37	21.6
I Balding	6	29	20.7
J Dunlop	20	115	17.4
J Fanshawe	9	53	16.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D O'Donohoe	4	17	23.5
D Sweeney	4	17	23.5
Pat Eddery	21	93	22.6
A Whelan	4	21	19.0
L Dettori	26	138	18.8
Paul Eddery	14	82	17.1

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

4.00 BRANSTON ABBY FILLIES HANDICAP (Div II: £3,145: 6f 15yd) (20 runners)

501 (8) 0440122 HEVER GOLF MOVER 19 (D,F,G) (Hever RC) T Naughton 3-10-0 J Weaver 70
502 (4) 0001100 WATCH THE FIRE 45 (D,F,G,S) (E Carter) J Banks 4-9-12 C Lowther (5) 72
503 (6) 3232600 SI LA HIGH 28 (Ladyswood Racing Club) M Meade 4-9-10 J Reid 53
504 (18) 0-00000 CROESO CYNNES 7 (D,F,G) (Dawes & Bridgeman) B Palling 4-9-8 T Sprake 62
505 (9) 3233333 INCLINATION 12 (D Brown & A Ward) M Blanshard 3-9-5 J Quinn 68
506 (10) 8601100 LILLIBELLA 24 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Hastings) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-3 D Sweeney (3) 55
507 (13) 0002000 NAISSANT 16 (D,G,S) (W Graham) M Wane 4-9-1 A Whelan (3) 59
508 (15) -510040 DEERLY 24 (V,D,G) (D & C Holder) R Dickin 4-8-10 G Hind 54
509 (19) 2023510 BALLARD LADY 23 (D,G,S) (Mrs P Wake) J Wainwright 5-8-10 L Dettori 57
510 (16) 0530100 DONA FILIPA 18 (F) (A Emmerson) Miss L Siddall 4-8-8 K Fallon 66
511 (3) 0065023 LAMORNA 25 (BF,D,F) (W Ponsonby) M Channon 3-8-8 P P Murphy (3) 84
512 (11) 0060220 SING WITH THE BAND 31 (BF,F) (D Allen) B McMahon 6-8-5 L Newton 73
513 (2) 0004040 LA VOLTA 29 (B,F,G) (J Lynam) Miss J Craze 4-8-4 M Roberts 61
514 (14) 3-00040 DANEHILL PRINCESS 19 (J Graham) R Hollinshead 3-8-3 N Carlisle 62
515 (7) 0340-00 BELLA'S LEGACY 30 (Vintage Services Ltd) K Burke 4-8-1 D Biggs -
516 (17) 0600360 MAGIC LAKE 7 (V,G) (P Ebdon Racing) E Alston 4-7-13 M Henry (3) 50
517 (5) 0-00036 EMBROIDERED 21 (J Evans) S Dow 4-7-12 Martin Dwyer 69
518 (1) 0020402 BAIRN ATHOLL 28 (D Phillips) R Hodges 4-7-11 N Adams 78
519 (12) 60-0000 MYSTIQUE SMILE 14 (F) (J Goldie) J Goldie 4-7-10 R Ffrench (3) 45
520 (20) 0204600 OKAY BABY 31 (F) (J Bradley) J Bradley 5-7-10 R Thomas (7) 64

Long handicap: Mystique Smile 7-8, Okay Baby 7-0.

BETTING: 13-2 Hever Golf Mover, 7-1 Inclination, Lamorna, 8-1 Watch The Fire, Lillibella, 10-1 others

FORM FOCUS Hever Golf Mover ¾l 2nd to Mystical in 6f Brighton handicap (good). Inclination 2¼l 3rd to Bold Tina in 7f Brighton stakes (good to firm). Lillibella 10l 8th to Cross The Border in 5f Thirsk apprentice handicap (good) with Mystique Smile (2lb better off) 11l 9th. Lamorna 5¼l 3rd to Kentucky Fall in 6f Yarmouth fillies handicap (good to firm). Sing With The Band 8¼l 7th to Rymer's Rascal in 7f Catterick handicap (good to firm) with Okay Baby (6lb better off) 14l 10th. Bairn Atholl 1½l 2nd to Opening Range in apprentice 5f Windsor handicap (good to firm).

LAMORNA, well treated on last year's form, may be returning to her best

4.30 CARLTON HANDICAP (Div I: £1,927: 2m 9yd) (17 runners)

601 (4) 5304026 ROSE OF GLENN 13 (F,G) (S Sullivan) B Palling 6-9-10 Dane O'Neill 45
602 (12) 0402000 SPA LANE 7 (C,F,S) (Sally Farming Company Ltd) M Bielby 4-9-8 A McGlone 49
603 (11) 4304U53 COH SHO NO 13 (F) (Harold Nass) S Dow 4-9-6 S Sanders 59
604 (15) 0/11065 KINOKO 72 (C,D,F,G,S) (A White) K Hogg 9-9-5 J Bramhill 54
605 (10) 0301 STONED IMMACULATE 21 (F) (M Rowsell) F Murphy 3-9-3 K Fallon 34
606 (2) 3100013 BIG BANG 77 (G West) M Blanshard 3-9-2 J Quinn 48
607 (17) 0000 LANGARA HEIGHTS 7 (A J Williams) B Llewellyn 3-9-2 J Wilkinson (7) 45
608 (1) 0-22416 HILLSWICK 17 (G) (M Court) J King 6-9-0 A Polli (5) 53
609 (6) 0-30046 COURSE FISHING 13 (F) (G Bull) B McMahon 6-8-13 G Duffield 45
610 (9) 2334001 DUNCOMBE HALL 13 (D,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-8-13 A Whelan (3) 56
611 (5) 005/4/1 LAKE DOMINION 52 (D) (Mrs B Bate) K Comerford 8-8-11 W J O'Connor 50
612 (8) 0346344 NORNAX LAD 23 (B,F,G) (Ladyswood RC) M Meade 9-8-10 R Brisland (7) 54
613 (16) 4400060 NOT FORGOTTEN 17 (R Trontz) P Kelleway 3-8-9 G Hind -
614 (14) 00-0000 WELCOME LU 54 (F,G) (M Hyman) J L Harris 4-8-5 R Mullen (5) -
615 (7) 00-0005 MECHILIE 23 (Sir Simon Green) J W Payne 3-8-1 G Carter 57
616 (13) 4030214 KEEN WATERS 18 (F) (Mrs K Ozeman) Mrs S Williams 3-8-0 Martin Dwyer 54
617 (2) 0006/06 CHILL WIND 16J (E Daley) N Bycroft 8-7-10 D Wright 61

Long handicap: Chill Wind 7-8

BETTING: 4-1 Stoned Immaculate, 5-1 Duncombe Hall, 7-1 Hillswick, 8-1 Coh Sho No, Big Bang, 10-1 others

FORM FOCUS Stoned Immaculate beat Penny Peppermint 5l in 2m1f Carlisle maiden handicap (firm). Duncombe Hall beat Red Raja 2l in 2m Folkestone handicap (good) with Coh Sho No (8lb better off) 5¼l 3rd and Rose Of Glenn (4lb better off) 16l 6th. Lake Dominion beat Stalled ½l in 2m Wolverhampton handicap (AW). Keen Waters 12l 4th to Sipowitz in 2m Lingfield handicap (AW).

DUNCOMBE HALL, an easy winner at Folkestone, can overcome a 4lb rise in the handicap

5.00 CARLTON HANDICAP (Div II: £1,927: 2m 9yd) (16 runners)

1 (5) 326404/ MOVING OUT 108J (D,S) (Mrs S Bosher) Miss H Knight 9-9-10 C Lowther (5) -
2 (12) -052111 GINGER ROGERS 39 (CD,F,G) (W Ponsonby) D Arbuthnot 3-9-7 J Quinn 60
3 (10) 3435314 BATABANOO 24 (BF,D,F,G) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 8-9-7 J Reid 58
4 (7) 5666-00 CLIBURNEL NEWS 11 (F,G,S) (K Nicholls) D Shaw 7-9-4 R Mullen (5) 56
5 (11) 4000-33 TOULSTON LADY 196J (Hickling and Squires Ltd) J Wharton 5-9-3 K Fallon 54
6 (13) 5500 GALLANT HEIGHTS 13 (M Evans) G Bravery 3-8-13 D R McCabe 49
7 (14) 00/0/0- SEA BUCK 384 (B) (H Candy) H Candy 11-8-12 B Smith (7) -
8 (2) 0/00/0- IRISH STAMP 302J (G) (F Murphy) F Murphy 8-8-11 J Fanning -
9 (8) 0-15400 SUDDEN SPIN 140 (D,F,G) (B Parker) J Norton 7-8-9 J Weaver 58
10 (16) 0-3002P SIXTIES MELODY 18 (Mrs J Root) R Boss 3-8-7 R Ffrench (3) 50
11 (4) 1501341 SIPOWITZ 18 (D,F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-6 A Whelan (3) 55
12 (3) 660-60 SOPHIE LOCKETT 59J (Auldyn Stud Ltd) K Hogg 4-8-6 A Daly (5) 44
13 (9) 2-34005 SUTTOR 93 (Mrs J Churston) S Dow 4-8-5 S Sanders 50
14 (15) 64400/2 MEMORABLE 72 (S) (K Hogg) K Hogg 6-8-1 J Bramhill 49
15 (1) -005266 EUROLINK WINDSONG 23 (W Graham) M Wane 3-7-12 Martin Dwyer 60
16 (6) 0000056 HIPPIOS 18 (J & S Kelly) S Dow 3-7-10 A Polli (5) 48

Long handicap: Hippios 7-9

BETTING: 11-4 Ginger Rogers, 4-1 Batabanoo, 5-1 Sipowitz, 12-1 Toulston Lady, Sudden Spin, 14-1 Irish Stamp, Memorable, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS Moving Out 2¼l 4th to Sillars Stalker in 2m1½f Ayr handicap (soft). Ginger Rogers beat Sixties Melody (1lb better off) sh hd in 2m1f Bath handicap (good) with Sipowitz (8lb better off) 12l 3rd. Batabanoo 6½l 4th to Leviticus in 2m Thirsk handicap (good). Toulston Lady 12l 3rd to Quiet King in 1½m Southwell maiden auction stakes (AW). Sipowitz beat Il Principe neck in 2m Lingfield handicap (AW) with Hippios (1lb better off) 17l 6th. Memorable 12l 2nd to Black Ice Boy in 2m Beverley handicap (heavy).

GINGER ROGERS has improved since tackling longer trips and can continue her progress

5.30 TRENT LIMITED STAKES (£2,277: 1m 1f 213yd) (18 runners)

1 (17) 0016640 OBELOS 6 (D,F) (Gilberts Animal Feed) Miss S Wilton 6-9-6 S Whitworth 64
2 (3) 13-4301 THATCHMASTER 23 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 6-9-6 D O'Donohoe (3) 71
3 (14) 4163002 TONNERRE 11 (CD,S) (I Guise) B McMahon 5-9-6 L Newton 71
4 (16) -040000 RIVAL BID 6 (V,D,G) (Twenty Twenty) Mrs N Macauley 9-9-4 Amanda Sanders (5) 54
5 (11) 63006-0 ROI DU NORD 20 (P Haddock) N Bycroft 5-9-4 G Carter -
6 (8) 0204500 ZIDAC 33 (D,F,G) (B Brackpool) P Makin 5-9-4 S Sanders 65
7 (15) 0242416 BAKERS DAUGHTER 33 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Baker) J Arnold 5-9-3 Martin Dwyer 64
8 (18) 645-110 ONEFORTHEDITCH 127 (Onefortheditch Partnership) J Fanshawe 4-9-1 K Fallon 66
9 (7) -210056 HERE'S TO HOWIE 35 (D,F) (Breeze Uppers) R Hannon 3-8-13 Dane O'Neill 54
10 (13) 030-51 ILE DISTINCT 25 (F) (Windsor Room Synd) Mrs A Swinbank 3-8-13 G Duffield 64
11 (1) 0-62143 SECRET BALLOT 6 (CD,S) (W al-Mutawa) K Mahdi 3-8-13 R Cochrane 55
12 (10) -603U24 FIFE MAJOR 12 (BF) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-8-11 Pat Eddery 75
13 (9) 6266425 GET THE POINT 12 (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 3-8-11 D Griffiths (3) 66
14 (12) 1152000 PUZZLEMENT 23 (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 3-8-11 W Ryan 54
15 (4) 6612343 ARRIVING 35 (BF,G) (Wyck Hall Stud) J Hills 3-8-10 R Hills 73
16 (6) 0-03015 SODEN 25 (D,F) (A Soden Ltd) T Mills 3-8-10 R Ffrench (3) 65
17 (2) 4045226 DOUBLE FLIGHT 28 (BF,F) (3rd Middleham Ptnrs) M Johnston 3-8-8 M Roberts 64
18 (5) 060 SHAILENDRA 25 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-8 L Dettori 59

BETTING: 6-1 Arriving, 7-1 Thatchmaster, Fife Major, 8-1 Tonnerre, Ile Distinct, Double Flight, 10-1 Bakers Daughter, Onefortheditch, Secret Ballot, 14-1 others

FORM FOCUS Thatchmaster beat Harlequin Walk 1½l in 1¼m Goodwood claiming handicap (good). Tonnerre 1l 2nd to Gold Desire in 1½m York apprentice handicap (soft). Bakers Daughter 4¼l 6th to Eurobox Boy in 1m Sandown apprentice handicap (good). Ile Distinct beat Get The Point (2lb better off) ¾l in 1m Musselburgh maiden stakes (good to firm). Secret Ballot 2l 3rd to Edan Heights in 1¼m Leicester apprentice handicap (good to firm) with Obelos (3lb better off) 5l 7th and Rival Bid (levels) 15l 15th. Fife Major 4¾l 4th to Roman Reel in 1¼m Brighton amateur handicap (good to firm). Get The Point 6l 5th to Bold Tina in 7f Brighton stakes (good to firm). Arriving 3½l 3rd to Lookout in 1½m Leicester stakes (good) with Here's To Howie (levels) 7¾l 6th. Double Flight 29l 6th to Montecristo in 1m3f Hamilton apprentice handicap (good).

ARRIVING, unsuited by the slow pace at Leicester last time, can return to winning ways

Blinkered first time

FONTWELL PARK: 2.20 Circus Colours. 4.20 Miners Rest. MUSSELBURGH: 2.40 Dirab. 3.40 Miss Beveled. 4.10 Cherished, Emperor's Gold, Jet Set Sarah. 4.40 Hostile Native. NOTTINGHAM: 3.30 Nampara Bay, Times Of Times. 4.00 Deerly

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER

2.20 Irkutsk. 2.50 Mutual Agreement. 3.20 Jack Gallagher. 3.50 Kalasadi. 4.20 Red Bean. 4.50 Mystik Day.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

2.20 ARUNDEL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,784: 2m 2f 110yd) (8 runners)

1 121 IRKUTSK 11 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Pipe 6-12-0 A P McCoy
2 -511 HE KNOWS THE RULES 11 (CD,G) R Buckler [illegible] B Powell
3 0-52 CIRCUS COLOURS 30 (V,CD,F) J Jenkins 7-11-4 N Williamson
4 2-30 HEVER GOLF DIAMOND 30 (BF,G) J Bridger 4-11-1 P O'Keeffe (7)
5 4-32 DUBAI DOLLY 11 J Mullins 4-10-4 S Curran
6 P7P ONS ET VIOLET 21 (G,S) R Stronge 10-10-[illegible] J Culloty
7 P-4P KILCORAN BAY 12 (BF,S) P Bowen 5-11-0 R Johnson
8 45P- SPIRAL FLYER 258 M Usher 4-10-0 W Marston

7-4 Irkutsk, 5-2 He Knows The Rules, 7-1 Circus Colours, Dubai Dolly, 8-1 Hever Golf Diamond, 10-1 Kilcoran Bay, 14-1 Spiral Flyer, 25-1 Ons Et Violet.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

FONTWELL: Trainers: P Nicholls, 11 winners from 29 runners, 37.9%; M Pipe, [illegible] 27.5%; R Buckler, 16 from 59, 27.1%; Miss B Sanders, 6 from 22, 27.3%; K Bailey, 8 from 31, 25.8%; P Hobbs, 12 from 80, 15.0%. Jockeys: A McCoy, 20 winners from 87 rides, 23.0%; J Culloty, 3 from 14, 21.4%; T J Murphy, 4 from 22, 18.2%; A Maguire, 21 from 122, 17.2%; N Williamson, 9 from 54, 16.7%; D Gallagher, 10 from 72, 13.9%.

MUSSELBURGH: Trainers: M Bell, 6 winners from 10 runners, 60.0%; Sir M Stoute, 3 from 11, 27.3%; J Fitzgerald, 4 from 15, 26.7%; R Guest, 4 from 16, 25.0%; N Tinkler, 9 from 38, 23.7%; J Berry, 39 from 181, 21.5%. Jockeys: M Fenton, 6 winners from 16 rides, 37.5%; D Holland, 7 from 21, 33.3%; G Bardwell, 9 from 31, 29.0%; J Egan, 9 from 40, 22.5%; K Darley, 42 from 198, 21.2%.

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2.50 MO FONTWELL NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,837: 3m 2f 110yd) (6)

1 350- PERSIAN VIEW 115 (G,S) K Bailey 7-12-0 N Williamson
2 ?5-1 MUTUAL AGREEMENT 21 (C,F,G,S) F Murphy [illegible] T J Murphy
3 3131 PROFESSOR PAGE 20 (C,F,G) C Mann 7-10-8 A Thornton
4 2232 JOHN ROGER 11 (S) M Murphy 11-10-4 S Curran
5 P1-5 FAIR ENCHANTRESS 19 (B,F) N Hawke 9-10-5 B Fenton
6 P705 ITSGONNASHINE 34 P Bowen 8-10-0 R Johnson

6-4 Mutual Agreement, 2-1 Professor Page, 4-1 Persian View, 5-1 John Roger, 14-1 Fair Enchantress, Itsgonnashine

3.20 FRANK BOND MEMORIAL NOVICES HURDLE (£2,343: 2m 6f 110yd) (6)

1 31-2 GOWER-SLAVE 12 (D,G) P Bowen 5-11-3 R Johnson
2 425- FOREST MUSK 270 P Hobbs 6-10-12 R Dunwoody
3 220- JACK GALLAGHER 132 Miss B Sanders 6-10-12 M Richards
4 52-5 KYBO'S REVENGE 11 R Rowe 5-10-12 D O'Sullivan
5 P?P- STONEY PIPER 126P (S) S Pearce 7-10-12 D Gallagher
6 UPP- STRANGE WAYS 296 (S) H Manners 9-10-12 A Dowling (7)

7-4 Jack Gallagher, 2-1 Forest Musk, 5-2 Gower-Slave, 5-1 Kybo's Revenge, 20-1 Stoney Piper, 33-1 Strange Ways.

3.50 STREBEL BOILERS AND RADIATORS HANDICAP HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,301: 2m 6f 110yd) (6)

1 550- KALASADI 220 (CD,S) V Soane 6-11-10 J Culloty
2 3-00 GONE BY 11 (C,F,G) J Jenkins 9-11-2 [illegible] (7)
3 41-2 CHIEFTAIN'S CROWN 50 (C,F,S) [illegible] P McLoughlin
4 104 FLY GUARD 551 (S) N Babbage 10-10-7 M Keighley (7)
5 5-21 BLATANT OUTBURST 11 (V,CD,F,G) [illegible] A P McCoy
6 6413 GERRY'S PRIDE 11 (BF,CD,G) [illegible] A Maguire

7-4 Blatant Outburst, 2-1 Gerry's Pride, 6-1 Kalasadi, 7-1 Gone By, Chieftain's Crown, 16-1 Fly Guard

4.20 FIRST NATIONAL VEHICLE CONTRACTS LTD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,611: 2m 3f) (5)

1 113- RED BEAN 152 (F,S) K Vincent 9-12-0 R Johnson
2 5-10 MINERS REST 21 (B,BF,D,F) P Hobbs 9-10-9 Mr R Widger (7)
3 4-21 FLOWING RIVER 11 (B,CD,F,G) N Mitchell 11-10-5 A Bates (5)
4 1-04 GABISH 21 (C,F,G) B Scriven 12-10-0 G Supple (5)
5 546P HEMERO 5 R Buckler 5-10-0 B Powell

7-4 Flowing River, 2-1 Miners Rest, 11-4 Red Bean, 8-1 Gabish, 25-1 Hemero

4.50 RANK CHALLENGE CUP JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,385: 2m 2f 110yd) (6)

1 1 CHOPIN 21 (CD,G) [illegible] D Gallagher
2 33 GOING FOR BROKE 30 C Mann 10-10 R Dunwoody
3 MYSTIK DAY 76F M Pipe 10-10 A P McCoy
4 SALTIMBANCO 29F R Akehurst 10-10 A Maguire
5 U32 SLIEMA CREEK 19 P Hobbs 10-10 C Llewellyn
6 MASSIGNA P Bowen 10-5 R Johnson

15-8 Mystik Day, 7-2 Sliema Creek, 9-2 Going For Broke, 5-1 Chopin, Saltimbanco, 20-1 Massigna

MUSSELBURGH

THUNDERER

2.10 Somdar. 2.40 Trump. 3.10 **CLASSIC BALLET** (nap). 3.40 Sans Rivale. 4.10 Greenbrook. 4.40 Two On The Bridge.

Timekeeper's top rating: 2.40 DIRAB.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)
DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST — SIS

2.10 E B F MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,937: 5f) (12 runners)

1 ([illegible]) 4 ANOTHER WYN-BANK 19 J FitzGerald 8-11 J Fortune 64
2 ([illegible]) 5433 CHICKAPENNY 19 (V) Mrs L Stubbs 8-11 J F Egan 74
3 ([illegible]) CLANGILLIE CHICK J Berry 8-11 P Roberts (5) -
4 ([illegible]) CRYSTAL WATERS G Oldroyd 8-11 R Farmer (7) -
5 ([illegible]) 234 DOUBLE POWER 20 L Lloyd-James 8-11 Kim Tinkler 70
6 ([illegible]) 2 LOVE AGAIN 19 M Bell 8-11 M Fenton 79
7 ([illegible]) PASELLA BLUEBIRD G Oldroyd 8-11 K Hodgson -
8 ([illegible]) 50 RARE INDIGO 37 J Berry 8-11 K Darley 63
9 ([illegible]) 3 SOMDAR 10 J Eyre 8-11 M Gallagher 76
10 ([illegible]) SUN DANCING P Monteith 8-11 O Pears -
11 ([illegible]) 50 TAKE A RISK 10 M Johnston 8-11 D Holland 62
12 ([illegible]) 00 TIGI 20 Mrs M Reveley 8-11 A Culhane -

15-8 Love Again, 5-1 Somdar, 6-1 Take A Risk, Another Wyn Bank, 10-1 others

2.40 BLACK CASTLE HANDICAP (£3,113: 2m) (15)

1 (14) 3432 DIRAB 17 (B,BF,D,F,G,S) T Barron 4-9-11 J Fortune [illegible]
2 (11) 1250 URGENT REPLY 5 (F) C Dwyer 4-9-7 P Roberts (5) 58
3 (15) 506 CITTERN 40 Mrs M Reveley 7-9-3 A Culhane 44
4 (7) 2404 TRILBY 17 (BF,CD,F,S) G Richards 4-8-11 J Carroll 57
5 (12) 5105 THUNDERHEART 33 (CD,F,G) R Allan 6-8-10 D Holland 50
6 (2) -400 SARASOTA STORM 20 (C,F,S) M Bell 5-8-10 M Fenton 60
7 (1) 316 KOJA 25 (G) [illegible] 4-6-4 G Bardwell 64
8 (2) 2513 SUSHI BAR 14 (CD,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-4 K Darley 68
9 (5) 2525 HIGHFIELD FIZZ 13 (F,S) C Fairhurst 5-7-12 P Fessey (3) 76
10 (13) 2121 IL PRINCIPE 7 (C,F,G) John Berry 3-7-13 (5ex) J F Egan 62
11 (6) 00 TRUMP 1313 (S) C Parker 8-7-10 N Kennedy -
12 (9) 0-00 RAUTSA 47 (B,S) R Whitaker 5-7-10 Darren Moffatt (3) -
13 (10) 0160 MAREMMA 23 (S) Enrico Incisa 3-7-10 Kim Tinkler 64
14 (1) -040 TEEJAY'N'AITCH 16J J Goldie 5-7-10 T Williams 51
15 (4) 0000 BURLESQUE 33 J Bethell 3-7-10 Iona Wands (5) -

9-2 Il Principe, 11-2 Dirab, 7-1 Sushi Bar, Urgent Reply, Trilby, 9-1 others.

3.10 FORT HANDICAP (£3,132: 1m 4f) (16)

1 (6) -030 CLASSIC FLYER 16 (F) I Campbell 4-10-0 A Mackay [illegible]
2 (3) 2230 SPARKY 10 (B,F) M W Easterby 3-9-11 G Parkin (3) 58
3 (15) 2314 CLASSIC BALLET 18 (BF,CD,F) R Guest 4-9-9 K Darley 66
4 (12) 1046 AMBIDEXTROUS 17 (CD,F,G) E Alston 5-9-9 J F Egan 59
5 (11) 150- PICKENS 301 (D,F) Enrico Incisa 5-9-5 Kim Tinkler -
6 (13) 2221 DURGAMS FIRST 10 (D,F) Mrs M Reveley 5-9-2 A Culhane 62
7 (1) 2004 BLENHEIM TERRACE 26 (C,G) C Booth 4-9-1 F Norton 66
8 (14) 302 BEACH BUOY 29 J H Wilson 3-9-0 P Roberts (5) 49
9 (10) 2041 LITTLE MISS ROCKER 40 (D,G) A Dickson 3-9-0 O Pears 58
10 (9) 5R-0 THALEROS 13 (D,F) J Wainwright 7-8-13 D McKeown -
11 (7) 0300 MR SPECULATOR 16 (V,D,F) J Banks 4-8-13 DOUBTFUL -
12 (2) 2040 KARISMA 11 D Smith 4-8-13 J Fortune 44
13 (5) 0643 DANCING QUEEN 38 M Bell 3-8-12 M Fenton 49
14 (4) 0630 MOWLAIE 14 (F) D Chapman 6-8-8 J Carroll 43
15 (16) 5614 SING AND DANCE 16 (F) E Weymes 4-8-5 Dale Gibson 67
16 (8) 306- RAASED 392 (G) F Watson 5-8-3 P Fessey (3) -

11-2 Classic Ballet, 13-2 Classic Flyer, Sing And Dance, Sparky, 8-1 others.

3.40 PINKIE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,015: 5f) (12)

1 (1) 5400 SOMOSIERRA 34 J Berry 9-7 K Darley 69
2 (6) 420 THREE STAR RATED 20 T Barron 9-5 J Carroll 64
3 (5) 1311 ELLENBROOK 84 (B,CD,G,S) J Berry 9-2 P Fessey (3) 75
4 (4) 1136 DAYNABEE 20 (D,F,G,S) N Tinkler 9-2 Kim Tinkler 76
5 (12) 2041 SANS RIVALE 18 (CD,G) J Eyre 9-0 R Lappin 81
6 (7) 0500 ALLMAITES 11 D Nicholls 9-0 Iona Wands (5) 65
7 (9) 4560 RHINEFIELD BEAUTY 58 J Goldie 8-12 A Culhane 60
8 (10) 4000 ELSINORE 32 Mrs J Ramsden 8-10 J Fortune 61
9 (11) 2005 SUN IN THE MORNING 21 (D,G) B Meehan 8-5 D McKeown 60
10 (3) 3452 HAYBURNER 26 (B,BF) M W Easterby 8-4 T Lucas 78
11 (2) 5033 BLARNEY PARK 24 C Dwyer 8-4 J F Egan 71
12 (8) 6604 MISS BEVELED 32 (B) M Brittain 7-10 D Mernagh (7) 64

5-1 Ellenbrook, 6-1 Daynabee, Sans Rivale, 7-1 Elsinore, Hayburner, 8-1 others

4.10 CARBERRY TOWER CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,682: 1m) (9)

1 (7) 2104 GREENBROOK 16 (S) W Turner 9-4 D McGaffin (7) 79
2 (2) 404 KAYO 7 T Etherington 8-13 D Holland 64
3 (8) 6100 DOCKLANDS DISPATCH 6 N Tinkler 8-8 Kim Tinkler 62
4 ([illegible]) 030 EMPEROR'S GOLD 16 (V) I Campbell 8-8 A Mackay 74
5 (5) 0400 CHERISHED 6 (V) N Tinkler 8-4 R Winston (7) 70
6 (3) 5600 JET SET SARAH 12 (B) J Berry 8-4 K Darley 65
7 (6) 62 ANNIEMITCHELLSLASS 59 D Moffatt 8-3 Darren Moffatt (3) 56
8 (4) 0466 CHARDANIA 10 J H Wilson 8-1 G Bardwell 58
9 (9) 6350 NGAERE PRINCESS 7 W Kemp 7-11 T Williams 52

7-2 Emperor's Gold, 9-2 Greenbrook, 5-1 Kayo, Anniemitchellslass, 7-1 others

4.40 HONEST TOUN MAIDEN HANDICAP (£2,752: 7f 30yd) (14)

1 (11) 00-0 HOSTILE NATIVE 10 (B) R Guest 4-10-0 M Fenton -
2 (1) 3606 ROTOR MAN 54 J Bethell 3-10-0 D Holland 50
3 (13) 4200 TWO ON THE BRIDGE 21 D Smith 3-9-12 G Bardwell 43
4 (10) 2022 ZALOTTO 7 (B) T Etherington 3-9-9 A Culhane 43
5 (4) 6000 MARTINE 34 A Bailey 3-9-7 P Roberts (5) 48
6 (5) 0022 DON'T WORRY MIKE 26 (B) F Lee 3-9-8 O Pears 53
7 (9) D-40 FRENCH GINGER 7 L Lloyd-James 6-9-6 T Williams 66
8 (2) 5664 FALLS O'MONESS 19 K Burke 3-9-6 J F Egan 54
9 (8) 2020 FISIOSTAR 14 (V) M Dods 4-9-3 J Carroll 49
10 (3) 0425 KATIE KOMAITE 23 (V) J H Wilson 4-9-2 K Darley 53
11 (12) 0005 SECRET STRENGTH 30 Lady Herries 3-9-1 P Doe (7) 44
12 (6) 0-30 SERIOUS ACCOUNT 54 J Eyre 4-9-1 M Gallagher 46
13 (14) 0006 TARRADALE 21 C Booth 3-9-0 F Norton 56
14 (7) 0-04 THE DUBIOUS GOOSE 18 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-12 J Fortune 56

5-1 Don't Worry Mike, 11-2 Zalotto, 6-1 Fisiostar, 8-1 Rotor Man, Falls O'Moness, Katie Komaite, 10-1 The Dubious Goose, 12-1 others

Pilsudski bows out after Japan Cup

PILSUDSKI will join a star-studded cast in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on October 5 after passing his audition in style by outclassing six rivals in the Esat Digifone Champion Stakes at Leopardstown on Saturday.

No Slouch and *Dangerous Diva*, pacemakers for the Aidan O'Brien-trained Irish Derby winner Desert King, ensured that the race was run at a searching gallop. Pilsudski, the 5-4 favourite, was able to hold a prominent place just behind the leaders and cruised through on the bridle to lead with a quarter of a mile to travel.

Desert King gave chase but never had a chance of catching Pilsudski and was 4½ lengths adrift at the line. Alhaarth was a further 14 lengths away in third.

Michael Kinane, the winning jockey, said: "That was as easy as it looked. The fast pace suited him and everything fell into his lap."

The Michael Stoute-trained Pilsudski, whose victories have included the Breeders' Cup Turf and Eclipse Stakes, was taking his win and place earnings to nearly £1½ million.

After tackling the Arc he will try to end his career in a blaze of glory in the Japan Cup. His owner, Lord Weinstock, said: "Pilsudski has proved that he's as good as ever, but he's done enough now and is likely to be retired after the Japan Cup."

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: WADI
(2.00 Nottingham)

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LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Johnston	77	77	54	2	-32.79
R Hannon	76	96	70	2	-361.91
J Dunlop	72	56	43	2	-98.10
J Berry	71	66	57	7	-189.36
M Stoute	69	60	52	3	-48.60
J Gosden	67	35	45	3	-40.10
H Cecil	66	44	36	2	-14.50
B Hills	66	49	60	3	50.20

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
K Fallon	142	106	84	[illegible]	+116.96
L Dettori	136	92	77	[illegible]	-38.52
Pat Eddery	116	86	60	[illegible]	-137.47
K Darley	102	80	83	[illegible]	-39.66
J Reid	91	72	74	[illegible]	-100.08
J Weaver	70	60	51	[illegible]	-49.90
M Hills	69	52	54	[illegible]	-12.23
J Fortune	65	62	71	[illegible]	-127.52

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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

Track and field

FUKUOKA, Japan: IAAF Grand Prix final. Men: 200m: 1, F Fredericks (Nam) 19.81sec; 2, O Thompson (Barbados) 20 19; 3, J Drummond (US) 20 32. **800m:** 1, W Kipketer (Den) 1min 42 99sec; 2, P Nduriri (Ken) 1:43 45; 3, D Kiptoo (Ken) 1 44.09. **1,500m:** 1, K Anderson (Den) 4.04.53; 2, H El Guerrouj (Mor) 4 04 55; 3, V Niyongabo (Burundi) 4 04 95. **5,000m:** 1, K Boulami (Mor) 13:09 40; 2, T Nyariki (Ken) 13 10 41; 3, P Koech (Ken) 13:10 77. **3,000m steeplechase:** 1, J Keter (Ken) 8:21.75; 2, M Kiptanui (Ken) 8.21 87; 3, B Barmsai (Ken) 8.22 48. **110m hurdles:** 1, A Crear (US) 13.03; 2, F Schwarthoff (Ger) 13 11; 3, A Jarrett (GB) 13 14. **400m hurdles:** 1, S Matete (Zam) 48.01; 2, S Diagana (Fr) 48 14; 3, L Herbert (SA) 48 45. **Pole vault:** 1, S Bubka (Ukr) 6 05m; 2, M Tarasov (Russ) 6 00; 3, T Lobinger (Ger) 5 90. **Long jump:** 1, I Pedroso (Cuba) 8 53m; 2, J Beckford (Jam) 8 40; 3, E Walder (US) 8 40. **Discus:** 1, L Riedel (Ger) 67.98m; 2, A Setliff (US) 66 12; 3, J Godina (US) 65 56. **Javelin:** 1, J Zelezny (Cz) 89 58m; 2, B Henry (Ger) 86 76; 3, P Borglund (Swe) 86 52. **Final positions:** 1, Kipketer 114 pts; 2, Riedel 99; 3, Crear 95; 4, El Guerrouj 93; 5, Kiptanui 88. **Selected GB:** 12, A Jarrett (GB) 69; 20, S Backley (GB) 62. **Women: 200m:** 1, M Jones (US) 21 84sec; 2, M Ottey (Jam) 21 92; 3, M Gainsford-Taylor (Aus) 22 43. **800m:** 1, A F Quirot (Cuba) 1min 56 53sec; 2, M Mutola (Moz) 1:56.93; 3, L Vriesde (Sur) 1:59 73. **1,500m:** 1, C Sacramento (Por) 4:40.25; 2, J Maranga (Ken) 4 40 44; 3, J Henner (US) 4.40 92. **5,000m:** 1, S Barsosio (Ken) 15 13 46; 2, L Cheromei (Ken) 15 15 64; 3, P Radcliffe (GB) 15 17 02. **100m hurdles:** 1, M Freeman (Jam) 12 40; 2, L Engquist (Swe) 12 48; 3, D Rose (Jam) 12 87. **400m hurdles:** 1, K Batten (US) 53 45; 2, D Hemmings (Jam) 53 98; 3, T Tereshchuk (Ukr) 54 3. **High jump:** 1, I Babakova (Ukr) 2 02m; 2, Y Lyakhova (Russ) 1 99; 3, M Iagar (Rom) 1 96. **Triple jump:** 1, A Hansen (GB) 15 15m (Grand Prix record); 2, S Kasparkova (Cz) 14 94; 3, R Mateescu (Rom) 14 59. **Shot putt:** 1, A Kumbernuss (Ger) 20 9m; 2, V Pavlysh (Ukr) 20 59; 3, I Korzhanenko (Russ) 19 06. **Final positions:** 1, Kumbernuss 99pts; 2, Hemmings 92; 3, Batten 91; 4, Babakova 90; 5, Kasparkova 87; 6, Hansen 79.

Road running

NEWCASTLE: Bupa Great North Run (13.1 miles). **Men:** 1, H Ramaala (SA) 1hr 00min 25sec; 2, W Cheruiyot (Ken) 1 00 41; 3, S Korir (Ken) 1 00 43; 4, P Evans (GB) 1 01 16; 5, B Masya (Ken, holder) 1 01 30; 6, J Brown (GB) 1 00 47; 7, G Staines (GB) 1 01 56; 8, A Pearson (GB) 1 02 07; 9, N Berkeley (Ire) 1 02 29; 10, J Mutai (Ken) 1 02 36. **Women:** 1, L Subano (Ken) 1 09 24; 2, M Sutton (GB) 1 09 41; 3, E McColgan (GB, holder) 1:10 08; 4, D Tulu (Eth) 1 10 29; 5, M Renders (Bel) 1 10 56; 6, V McPherson (GB) 1 11 32. **Junior boys** (2.8 miles): 1, G Sharp (Birtley) 14min 05sec; 2, L Cooper (Blackheath) 14 27; 3, A Rule (Sale) 14 36.

SUTTON PARK: British Police 10-miles championship: 1, C Motley (Sussex) 54min 12sec; 2, M Fowler (Cheshire) 54 25; 3, E Thomas (Metropolitan) 54 35. **Teams:** 1, Sussex 44pts; 2, Metropolitan 67; 3, Strathclyde 90. **Women:** 1, J Bruce (Royal Ulster) 59 27; 2, C Houghton (Kent) 1 01 44; 3, L Knights (Nottinghamshire) 1 05 12. **Teams:** 1, Nottinghamshire 33; 2, Metropolitan 33; 3, Leicestershire 36.

Fell running

OLD GLOSSOP, Derbyshire: Shelf Moor race (5.9m, 1,500ft): 1, G Bland (Borrowdale) 40min 40sec; 2, M Roberts (Borrowdale) 41 01; 3, D Neill (Mercia, M40) 41 04; 4, G Devine (Pudsey and Bramley) 41 15; 5, G Crickle (Bradford Airedale) 41 18; 6, A Trigg (Glossopdale) 41 30. **Over-45:** J Archer (Calder Valley) 47 40. **Over-50:** D Tait (Dark Peak) 47 30. **Over-60:** A Shaw (Todmorden) 55 56. **Team:** Borrowdale 54pts. **Women:** 1, J Clark (Pudsey and Bramley) 50 34; 2, V Peacock (Clayton-le-Moors, W40) 51 51; 3, G Cook (Rochdale, W35) 52 08.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Elimination finals: North Melbourne 15 6 (96) bt West Coast 12 13 (85); Adelaide 11 10 (76) bt Geelong 9 14 (68).

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: Philadelphia 2 Cincinnati 4 (1st game); *Philadelphia 9 Cincinnati 1 (second game)*; Florida 0 San Francisco 1; Pittsburgh 3 Chicago Cubs 1; Atlanta 1 Colorado 5; New York Mets 2 Montreal 3 (15inns); Houston 10 Los Angeles 3; St Louis 4 San Diego 2. **Saturday:** St Louis 3 San Diego 8; Philadelphia 6 Cincinnati 3; *Florida 8 San Francisco 1*; New York Mets 9 Montreal 6 (10inns); Pittsburgh 1 Chicago Cubs 4; Atlanta 6 Colorado 10; Houston 5 Los Angeles 1

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	91	56	.619	—
Florida	86	61	.585	5
New York Mets	80	67	.544	11
Montreal	74	73	.503	17
Philadelphia	59	87	.404	31½

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	75	72	.510	—
Pittsburgh	71	77	.480	4½
St Louis	68	79	.463	7
Cincinnati	67	80	.456	8
Chicago Cubs	62	86	.419	13½

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	82	66	.554	—
Los Angeles	81	67	.547	1
Colorado	76	72	.514	6
San Diego	70	78	.473	12

AMERICAN LEAGUE. Friday: Baltimore 5 New York Yankees 13; Chicago White Sox 0 Cleveland 9; Milwaukee 2 Boston 4; Texas 6 *Minnesota 5; Anaheim 8 Kansas City 5*; Seattle 7 Toronto 3; Oakland 2 Detroit 7. **Saturday:** Baltimore 6 New York Yankees 1; Chicago White Sox 7 Cleveland 6; Anaheim 1 Kansas City 3 (13inns); Oakland 4 Detroit 2; Milwaukee 1 Boston 2; Texas 9 Minnesota 3; Toronto 6 Seattle 3

East division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	90	55	.621	—
NY Yankees	83	63	.568	7½
Boston	72	75	.490	19
Detroit	72	76	.486	19½
Toronto	71	77	.480	20½

Central division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	77	66	.538	—
Chicago WS	73	75	.493	6½
Milwaukee	72	74	.493	6½
Kansas City	60	85	.414	18
Minnesota	59	87	.404	19½

West division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	82	67	.550	—
Anaheim	76	72	.514	5½
Texas	70	78	.473	11½
Oakland	61	88	.409	21

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby 87 (Berry 21, Baker 16, Rutledge 12) Birmingham 90 (Dorsey 32, Lloyd 19, Coleman 16); Newcastle 87 (McGee 23, Boyd 18, Phelps 18, Scantlebury 18) Leopards 98 (Burks 33, Youngblood 28, White 25); Watford 83 (*Schultz 22, Ratliff 20, Burns 19*) Worthing 110 (Swords 33, Cuff 22, Nelson 15); Crystal Palace 75 (Speight 23, Wodel 15, Schwartz 12) London Towers 79 (Robinson 24, Lewis 12, Hamilton 11); Leicester 85 (Singleton 31, Havrilla 19, Waldron 10) Sheffield 90 (Hamuk 31, Robinson 22, *Cauthorn 16*) *Manchester 76 (Lanick 21*, Churchwell 15, Brown 11, Craven 11) Thames Valley 77 (Simon 24, Arona 16, McCord 16, Hatley 15)

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Guildford 83 Brixton 68

MEN'S NATIONAL TROPHY: Pool matches: *Barking and Dagenham 81* Oxford 91; Bournemouth 78 Thames Valley 52; Cardiff 72 Taunton 63; Leicester 78 Northampton 79; Nottingham 84 Ware 43; Richmond 107 Slough 37; Solihull 94 Flintshire 73; Stevenage 115 Southampton 87; Solent 82 Reading 56; South Wales 91 *Plymouth 95*; Westminster 86 *Portsmouth 60*

BOWLS

LLANDRINDOD WELLS: British Isles Under-25 international series: England bt Scotland 142-104; Ireland bt Wales 125-103; England bt Wales 132-104; Scotland bt Ireland 140-100; England bt Ireland 129-90; Wales bt Scotland 115-107

BROADSTAIRS: Open tournament: Singles: Men: Quarter-finals: D Tungate bt P *Wuthen 21-20; M Hill bt E Huckstep 21-19*; M Horne bt G Edson 21-19; V Field bt W Norman 21-12. **Semi-finals:** Hill bt Tungate 21-14; Horne bt Field 21-18. **Final:** Hill bt Horne 21-14. **Women: Quarter-finals:** S Dewey bt E Emmingham 21-8; J Stern bt I Grace 21-19; D Harrington bt J Edson 21-13; *E Brockwell wo M Webster*. **Semi-finals:** Stern bt Dewey 21-19; Brockwell bt Harrington 21-13. **Final:** Stern bt Brockwell 21-10. **Mixed pairs: Semi-finals:** G and J Edson bt J Shaw and H Wainwright 16-14; E and A Brockwell bt L and C Walker 26-12. **Final:** Edson and Edson bt Brockwell and Brockwell 20-11

WORTHING: Open tournament: Singles: Quarter-finals: A Waller bt B Holding 21-16; I Reid bt S Butler 21-20; M Marchant bt M Bartalis 21-8; G Pilbrow bt M Dam 21-20. **Semi-finals:** Waller bt Reid 21-7; Marchant bt Pilbrow 21-14. **Final:** Waller bt Marchant 21-17. *Triples (w'hps only)*: **Semi-finals:** J Gale bt M Cherrington 23-10; P Caswell bt F Darbyshire 13-11. **Final:** Gayle bt Caswell 19-16

INTER-COUNTY MATCHES: Berkshire 139 Northamptonshire 108; Hertfordshire 115 Derbyshire 125; Nottinghamshire 115 *Warwickshire 119; Wiltshire 135 Monmouthshire 110*

CROQUET

EASTBOURNE: South of England championships: Quarter-finals: D J Goacher bt D L Gaunt +22, +5; D B Maugham bt B G Hallam 14, +10tp, +14otp; P C Trimmer bt C J Patmore +11, +8; I Burge bt I J Burridge +16, -3tpo, +26tp. **Semi-finals:** Goacher bt Maugham +17, -26tp, +13, +28tp; Trimmer bt Burge +26, -3, +14otp, +26tp. **Final:** Trimmer bt *Goacher +26, +17tp, -23, +14tp*

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: Sixth stage: (Malaga to Granada, 147km): 1, L Jalabert (Fr, ONCE) *3hr 36min 4sec*; 2, L Dufaux (Switz, Lotus); 3, F Escartin (Sp, Kelme-Costa Blanca); 4, A Zülle (Switz, ONCE) all same time; 5, S Ivanov (Russ, TVM) at 1min 57sec; 85, C Boardman at 12min 17sec. **Seventh stage** (Guadix to Sierra Nevada, 219.2km): 1, Y Ledanois (Fr, GAN) 6hr 15min 06sec; 2, Dufaux at 42sec; 3, Zülle; 4, J M Jimenez (Sp); 5, Escartin all same time. Boardman rot. **Eighth stage:** 1, B Voskamp (Holl, TVM) 3hr 55min 00sec; 2, M Piccoli (It, Brescialat) at 2sec; 3, L van Bon (Holl, Rabobank) at 7sec; 4, M Rasaalb (It, AKI); 5, A Gonzalez (It, Saeco) all same time. **Ninth stage** (time-trial, 35km): 1, M Mauri (Sp, ONCE) 41min 11sec; 2, S Gontchar (Ukr, AKI) at 21sec; 3, Jalabert at 25sec; 4, Zülle at 38sec; 5, M Zarrabeitia (Sp, ONCE) at 49sec

PARIS TO BRUSSELS CLASSIC RACE (256km): 1, A Bortolami (It) 6hr 18min 00sec; 2, A Tchmil (Ukr) at 2sec; 3, A Tafi (It); 4, M Bartoli (It); 5, A Ferrigato (It); 6, B Boscardin (Switz) all same time; 7, A Gontchenkov (Russ) 16; 8, J Planckaert (Bel); 9, J Museeuw (Bel); 10, M Celestino (It); 11, M Sciandri (GB) all same time

BCF NATIONAL UNDER-23 CHAMPIONSHIP (Monmouth, Gwent, 90 miles): 1, *H Pritchard (Harlow CC) 3hr 48min 17sec*; 2, R Downing (Team Invader) same time; 3, P West (Adidas SciCon) at 1sec

IRVINE: Wallace Hill 10-mile time-trial: Men: 1, G Obree (unattached) 19min 29sec (Scottish record); 2, D Gibson (GS Modena) 21 24; 3, H Jamieson (Inverclyde Velo) 21 36. **Women:** 1, A Winship (Glasgow Nightingale) 27 19

OTHER TIME-TRIALS: RTTC national junior 10-mile championship (Dishforth, North Yorkshire): **Boys:** 1, D Williams (VC Dean) 22 36; 2, S Joseph (Catford CC) 22 51; 3, B Wiggins (Condor Cycles RT) 22 54. **Girls:** C Giblin (VC Severn, Malvern) 24 54. **Team:** Team Chevin 1 10 27. **Irish 50-mile championship** (Knockmore, Co Antrim): 1, I Chivers (Cyprus CC) 1 54 55; 2, D Peelo (Sorrento CC) 1 57 08; 3, P Moriarty (Les Jeunes) 1 58 30. **Team:** *Maryland Wheelers 6 20 55*. **Rotherham Wheelers** (Ranby, North Nottinghamshire, 50 miles): 1, J Clay (Manchester Phoenix) 1 45 20; 2, G Platts (Coalville Wheelers) 1 47 37; 3, N Gates (CC Lancashire) 1 51 20. **Team:** Coalville Wheelers 2 03 13. **South Staffordshire CA** (Cannock, 50 miles): 1, R Iddles (Stourbridge CC) 1 52 55; 2 equal, N Peart (Walsall RCC) and G Barnes (Coventry RC) 2 01 29. **Team:** Walsall RCC 6 24 18. **Lincolnshire RRA** (Boston, 30 miles): 1, M Yardley (Spalding CC) 1 07 25 (course record); 2, I Dalton (Cherry Valley RT) 1 08 13; 3, A Moore (Cherry Valley RT) 1 09 56. **Team:** Alford Wheelers 3 38 26. **Stevenage CC** (Tempsford, 25 miles): 1, S Dangerfield (Wheelbase CC) 51 33; 2, M Hutchinson (Cambridge University CC) 54 08; 3, I Cammish (Velo Vienta) 54 40. **Team:** Rockingham Forest Wheelers 3 00 24. **Andover Wheelers** (Thruxton, 10 miles): 1, *R Prebble (Wembley RC) 20 03*; 2, C Brooks (VC Camelot) 20 21; 3, C Williams (Camcam Paragon) 20 46. **Team:** Team Clean 1 01 59. **GS Invicta** (Thanet, Kent, 10 miles): 1, A Archer (GS Invicta) 21 10; 2, P Woodman (Team 2000) 21 39; 3, L Martin (San Fairy Ann CC) 21 45. **Team:** VC Deal 1 08 18. **Spalding CC** (*10 miles*): 1, P Gibbons (Chesterfield Couriers) 22 25; 2, G Lee (Oundle Velo) 22 30; 3, T Dockett (Fenland Clarion) 23 15. **Team:** Fenland Clarion 1 14 59. **Prescot Eagle RC** (Rainford, Merseyside, 10 miles): 1, G Watts (Team Rapide) 22 20; 2, P Pearce (*Withington Wh*) 22 31; 3, A Wilson (Team Velo Sport) 22 47. **Team:** VC Halton 1 11 42. **Ross-shire RCC** (Conon Bridge, 10 miles): 1, A Wright (Sandy Wallace Cycles) 23 19; 2, W Matthews (West Highland Wheelers) 24 10; 3, R Sinclair (Cromarty Firth CC) 24 17

DUATHLON

GUERNICA, Spain: World championships: Men: 1, J Hall (Aus) 1hr 49min 7sec; 2, W Milner (Fr) 1 50.24; 3, N Lebrun (Fr) 1 50 10. **Selected British:** 9, A Rosse 1 51 00; 27, C Ball 1 53 55. **Final team positions:** 1, Australia 5 29 47; 2, France 5 31 37; 3, Switzerland 5 35 15. **Women:** 1, I Hennen (Holl) 2hr 1min 19sec; 2, M Dixon (Aus) 2 2 15; 3, V Verastegui (Sp) 2 2 44. **Selected British:** 10, F Lothian 2 3 36; 18, D Otley 2 14 53

GOLF

SUTTON, Massachusetts: CVS Charity Classic: Leaders after three rounds (United States unless stated): **200:** W Glasson 66, 67, 67. **201:** J Adams 66, 68, 67. **202:** B Henninger 72, 67, 63; C Smith 68, 68, 66; C Parry (Aus) 69, 66, 67; L Roberts 67, 67, 68. **203:** M Bradley 67, 67, 69; K Burton 66, 68, 69; C Rymer 64, 70, 69; P Jacobsen 68, 65, 70. **204:** N Henke 65, 72, 67; D Pooley 68, 68, 68; B Claar 68, 67, 69. **205:** M Calcavecchia 70, 69, 66. **208:** F Allem (SA) 70, 71, 67. **211:** R Allenby (Aus) 70, 68, 73. **212:** G Waite (NZ) 71, 70, 71. **213:** H Kase (Japan) 71, 70, 72; G Hjertstedt (Swe) 72, 68, 73

KENT, Washington: LPGA Safeco Classic: Leaders after three rounds (*United States unless stated*): **202:** P Sheehan 69, 68, 65. **204:** A Sorenstam (Swe) 67, 71, 66. **205:** K Webb (Aus) 67, 67, 71. **207:** D Reid (GB) 67, 72, 68. **208:** C Figg-Currier 69, 72, 67; L Neumann (Swe) 65, 70, 73; M McGann 68, 70, 70; J Lidback (Peru) 68, 70, 70. **209:** C Walker 72, 70, 67; L Brower 68, 71, 69? B Burton 72, 66, 71. **210:** L Kane 70, 72, 68; K Robbins 72, 69, 69. **211:** S Waugh (Aus) 68, 70, 73. **212:** L Hackney (GB) 74, 70, 68; J Crafter (Aus) 70, 72, 70. **213:** A Dibos (Peru) 73, 70, 70; N Harvey (Can) 71, 71, 71; P Sinn (Kor) 70, 71, 72; R Hetherington (Aus) 69, 71, 73. **214:** S Strudwick (GB) 73, 71, 70. **215:** K Marshall (GB) 73, 72, 70; M Lunn (Aus) 73, 72, 70. **216:** C Pierce (GB) 73, 71, 72; G Graham (Can) 71, 72, 73; L Bernvall (Swe) 69, 74, 73. **217:** S Maynor (GB) 71, 73, 73; J Morley (GB) 73, 70, 74; L Walters (Can) 71, 72, 74. **218:** D Coe-Jones (Can) 72, 70, 76

BENTON HALL, Essex: PGA European Seniors Tour Clubhaus Classic: Leading final scores (Great Britain and Ireland unless stated): **203:** T Horton 68, 71, 64. **205:** D Jones 69, 68, 68. **207:** M Gregson 68, 71, 68. **209:** L Higgins 68, 71, 70. **211:** S Wild 70, 69, 72. **212:** A Brooks 74, 68, 70. **213:** G Hunt 67, 73, 73; B Huggett 71, 69, 73; *A Garrido (Sp) 67, 71, 75*; J Carr (US) 74, 72, 67. **215:** H Flatman 71, 73, 71; J Rhodes 75, 71, 69. **216:** J Benson (Swe) 71, 77, 68; A Croce (It) 72, 73, 71; N Job 66, 75, 75. **217:** H Inggs (SA) 70, 74, 73; J M Roca (Sp) 73, 72, 72; J P Devon (US) 74, 70, 73; R Stern (US) 73, 69, 75; J Sumner 74, 72, 71

BURNHAM AND BERROW, Somerset: Men's home amateur internationals. England 7½ Ireland 7½

LAHINCH: Women's home internationals: England 5 Wales 4; Ireland 7 Scotland 2. **Final positions:** 1, England; 2, Ireland; 3, Scotland; 4, Wales.

HOCKEY

HAMPSTEAD AND WESTMINSTER CHALLENGE: Semi-finals: East Grinstead 3 Brooklands 2; Hounslow 3 Surbiton 1. **Play-offs: Third:** Surbiton 4 Brooklands 2. **Fifth:** Havant 4 Hampstead and Westminster 1. **Final:** East Grinstead 2 Hounslow 1

SEOUL: Women's junior World Cup: Final: Holland 3 Australia 2. **Third-place play-off:** Argentina 3 Germany 1

ICE HOCKEY

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Group A: Bracknell Bees 2 Cardiff Devils 5; Slough Jets 7 *Peterborough Pirates 2*; Telford Tigers 1 *Manchester Storm 5*. **Group B:** Sheffield Steelers 12 Paisley Pirates 1; Ayr Scottish Eagles 4 Newcastle Cobras 4; Nottingham Panthers 5 Basingstoke Bison 2

MOTORCYCLING

MONTMELO, Spain: Catalunya Grand Prix: 500cc: 1, M Doohan (Aus, Honda) 44 56 149; 2, C Checa (Sp, Honda) 44 56 591; 3, A Criville (Sp, Honda) 44 57 239; 4, L Cadalora (It, Yamaha) 44 56 941; 5, N Aoki (Japan, Honda) 45 04 308. *Leading championship positions:* 1, M Doohan 320pts; 2, N Aoki 165; 3, T Okada (Japan, Honda) 159; 4, Criville 131; 5, Cadalora 129. **250cc:** 1, R Waldmann (Ger, Honda) 42min 05 909sec; 2, M Biaggi (It, Honda) 42 06 479; 3, T Ukawa (Japan, Honda) 42 08 868; 4, T Harada (Japan, Aprilia) 42 09 988; 5, L Capirossi (It, Aprilia) 42 19 688. **Leading championship positions:** 1, Waldmann 214pts; 2, Harada 211; 3, Biaggi 205; 4, O Jacque (Fr, Honda) 169; 5, Ukawa 145. **125cc:** 1, V Rossi (It, Aprilia) 42min 14 687sec; 2, K Sakata (Japan, Aprilia) 42 20 689; 3, N Ueda (Japan, Honda) 42 24 214; 4, M Giansanti (It, Honda) 42 25 872; 5, T Manako (Japan, Honda) 42 25 983. **Leading championship positions:** 1, Rossi 296pts; 2, Ueda 200; 3, Manako 163

MOTOR RALLYING

MANX RALLY. Leading final positions: 1, M Rowe (Eng, Renault Megane) 2hr 40min 05sec; 2, M Higgins (Eng, Nissan Sunny) at 1min 05sec; 3, T Laukkanen (Fin, Volkswagen Golf) at 13 20; 4, J Reynolds (Wales, Ford Escort) at 16 29; 5, J Milner (Eng, Toyota Celica) at 17 52; 6, N Simpson (Eng, Volkswagen Golf) at 20 06; 7, P Young (N Ire, Ford Escort) at 21 14; 8, S Blomqvist (Swe, Skoda Felicia) at 21 17; 9, J Dale (Eng, Peugeot 306) at 21 41; 10, D Higgins (Eng, Subaru Impreza) at 22 25. **Final Mobil British championship positions: Drivers:** 1, M Higgins 122pts; 2, Rowe 112; 3, A McRae (Scot, Volkswagen Golf) 107; 4, G Evans (Wales, Ford Escort) 105; 5, R Head (Scot, Renault Megane) 99. **Manufacturers:** 1, Volkswagen 71pts; 2, Nissan 69; 3, Renault 67; 4, Ford 66; 5, Skoda 47

SAILING

TROON: Soling European championships: Final positions. 1, J Schumann (Ger) 12pts; 2, A Beadsworth (GB) 40 1; 3, H Johannessen (Nor) 42; 4, P Pradin (Fr) 43 4; 5, P Fichun (Ukr) 45. **Other British:** 18, H Mackay 114; 20, J Fitzgerald 120

SCHOOLS SPORT

Football

FA PREMIER YOUTH LEAGUE. Arsenal 10 Coventry 1; Chelsea 3 Barnsley 0; Crystal Palace 2 Middlesbrough 1; Queens Park Rangers 2 Nottingham Forest 3; Southampton 2 Derby 0; Tottenham 1 Leeds 1; Wimbledon 2 Sunderland 1

SCHOOLS INTER-ASSOCIATION UNDER-15: Blackpool 1 Blackburn 2; Trafford 2 Wigan 10; Manchester 2 Leeds 1; Bury 2 Oldham 3; Chesterfield 1 Doncaster 3; Sheffield 2 Barnsley 2; Newcastle 1 Redcar and Cleveland 0; Rotherham 3 Bradford 1; Rochdale 0 Macclesfield 2; Derby 5 Coventry 4

OTHER MATCH: Wellington 1 Shrewsbury 1

Hockey

Kingswood 4 Wells Cathedral 2

Rugby union

Abingdon 12 Bloxham 11; Ashville 17 Ermysted 10; Bedford 27 Haberdashers' Aske's 7; Bloxham 11 Abingdon 12; Brighton 16 Cranleigh 10; Bristol GS 0 Cheltenham 22; Bryanston 27 King Edward's, Southampton 3; Canford 29 Sherborne 10; Christ's, Brecon 7 Blundell's 3; Colchester RGS 17 Ipswich 5; Colfe's 35 St Olave's 3; Cooper's Coborn 21 Bishop's Stortford HS 12; Denstone 36 Ellesmere 5; Desborough 5 St Bart's, Newbury 18; Dulwich 80 Epsom 3; Durham 62 Giggleswick 3; Eltham 14 Emanuel 3; *Framlingham 31 Culford 5; Hurstpierpoint 6* St John's, Leatherhead 14; Hymer's 61 Silcoates 0; John Fisher 39 Windsor 0; King Edward's, Bath 37 Prior Park 8; King's, Gloucester 3 Dean Close 57; King William's 11 *Morecambe HS 6*; Lord William's, Thame 0 Magdalen, Oxford 56; Marlborough 27 *Eton 12; Merchant Taylor's 8 Harrow 26*; Oakham 32 Nottingham HS 3; Oundle 22 QEGS Wakefield 8; Plymouth 89 Wellington Sch 0; QEH, Bristol 21 Wycliffe 8; Queen's, Taunton 3 Kelly College 51; Radcliffe 29 Stamford 5; Reigate GS 44 Trinity 0; Rossall 0 Kirkham GS 57; RGS High Wycombe 23 St Edward's, Oxford 26; St Albans 51 St Columba's 0; St Bede's 0 Stonyhurst 53; St George's, Weybridge 5 RGS Guildford 44; St Ignatius 28 Davenant 17; St Paul's 15 Wellington Colt 17; Sedbergh 10 Merchant Taylor's, Crosby 10; Snebbear 0 Truro 35; Stockport GS 17 Manchester 3; Stowe 3 Rodley 22; Sutton Valence 61 Sir Roger Manwood's 7; Tiffin 30 KCS 21; Tonbridge 38 Judd 0; Uppingham 15 Rugby 7; West Buckland 10 Taunton 24; Whitgift 61 St Dunstan's 5; Wimbledon 10 City of London Freemen's 20; Worth 5 Chichester HS 18

SPEEDWAY

ELITE LEAGUE: Belle Vue 34 Poole 26 (abandoned after ten heats, heavy rain). Bradford 11 Belle Vue 7 (abandoned after three heats, heavy rain)

TENNIS

BOURNEMOUTH: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: F Mantilla (Sp) bt M Ondruska (SA) 6-7, 6-1, 6-1; C Moyá (Sp) bt G Rusedski (GB) 6-2, 6-2. **Final:** Mantilla bt Moyá 6-2, 6-2

MARBELLA: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: A Costa (Sp) bt G Blanco (Sp) 7-5, 6-2; A Berasategui (Sp) bt D Hrbaty (Slovakia) 6-4, 6-4. **Final:** Costa bt Berasategui 6-3, 6-2

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: T Henman (GB) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-3, 7-5; M Rosset (Switz) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 3-6, 7-6, 6-2. **Final:** Henman bt Rosset 7-6, 6-4

RACING

DONCASTER

Going: good to firm

2.00 (6f) 1, **Bintang** (T Quinn, 8-11 fav); 2, Sky Rocket (8-1); 3, Hayil (4-1). 6 ran. 1¼l, 1½l. P Cole. Tote: £1 70; £1 40, £2 40. DF: £3 90. CSF: £7.01

2.30 (1m) 1, **Epic Stand** (J Fortune, 10-1); 2, Queens Consul (14-1); 3, Kala Sunrise (25-1); 4, Duraid (16-1). For Your Eyes Only 4-1 fav. 15 ran. ¾l, ½l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £11 40; £2 90, £4 10, £12.80, £5 90. DF: £119 20. Trio: £694 70. CSF: £130.20. Tricast: £1,225 15.

3.05 (1m) 1, **Russian Music** (K Fallon, 8-1); 2, Hawa (25-1); 3, Al Azhar (8-1). Restructure 11-4 fav. 11 ran. ¾l, nk. Miss G Kelleway. Tote: £10 00; £2 10, £11.70, £2.60. DF: £158 00. Trio: £416 20. CSF: £186 48. Tricast: £1,557 03.

3.40 PERTEMPS ST LEGER STAKES (Group I: 3-Y-O: £183,776: 1m 6f 132yd)

SILVER PATRIARCH gr c Saddlers' Hall — Early Rising (P Winfield) 9-0 Pat Eddery (5-4 fav) 1.

Vertical Speed ch c Bering — Victoire Bleue (D Wildenstein) 9-0 O Peslier (7-2) 2.

The Fly ch c *Pharly* — *Nelly Do Da* (Mrs J Corbett) 9-0 M Hills (10-1) 3.

ALSO RAN: 10 Besiege, Windsor Castle (5th), 12 Panama City (6th), 14 Book At Bedtime (4th), 16 Haltarra, 25 Poseidon, 33 Shaya. 10 ran. NR: Stowaway. 3l, nk, 1½l, sh hd, 3½l. J Dunlop at Arundel. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £2 40, £2.20. DF: £4 40. Trio: £16 80. CSF: £5 14.

4.15 (5f) 1, **Land Of Dreams** (D Holland, 15-8 fav); 2, Tippit Boy (12-1); 3, Titanic (*7-2*). 7 ran. 2½l, nk. M Johnston. *Tote: £3 00*; £1 60, £5 80. DF: £18 70. CSF: £26 23

4.45 (1m 2f 60yd) 1, **Infatuation** (J Weaver, 16-1); 2, Ihtiyati (20-1); 3, Wafir (16-1); 4, Shadoof (14-1). Song Of Freedom 7-2 fav. 20 ran. ½l, 1¼l. Lady Herries. Tote: £20 40; £3.80, £1.60, £8 40, £4 00. DF: £535 30. Trio: £2253 00. CSF: £300 92. Tricast: £4,722 11.

5.15 (6f) 1, **Far Removed** (J Fortune, 5-2 fav); 2, Blue Kite (12-1); 3, Night Shot (100-30); 4, Inchalong (12-1). 16 ran. ¾l, 1½l. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £3 30; £1 50, £3.20, £1 40, *£2.10. DF: £33 80. Trio:* £36.00. CSF: £34 97. Tricast: £104 44

Jackpot not won (pool of £10,762.15 carried forward to Nottingham today).

Placepot: £1,778.00. **Quadpot:** £214.00.

GOODWOOD

2.15 1, **Law Commission** (4-1 jt-fav); 2, Dancing Drop (7-1); 3, Bachelors Pad (20-1). Craigievar 4-1 jt-fav. 9 ran. NR: Cosmic Prince, Tregaron, Waypoint

2.45 1, **Fahris** (100-30); 2, Desert Story (5-4 fav); 3, *Green Card (5-1). 5 ran.*

3.20 1, **Wildwood Flower** (20-1); 2, No Extras (11-2 fav); 3, Grand Chapeau (20-1); 4, Lochangel (14-1). 29 ran.

3.55 1, **High Intrigue** (7-2); 2, Lady Of The Lake (3-1 fav); 3, Star Rage (6-1). 8 ran. NR: Premier Night

4.30 1, **Wales** (4-9 fav); 2, Success And Glory (5-1); 3, Borani (33-1). 13 ran.

5.00 1, **Silvery** (16-1); 2, Tough Act (4-1); 3, Dick Turpin (7-2 jt-fav). Academy Star 7-2 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Sleu Whallen.

BANGOR

2.10 1, **Leviticus** (9-4); 2, Prairie Minstrel (20-1); 3, Real Fire (33-1). Stoned Imaculate 11-8 fav. 16 ran

2.40 1, **Anabranch** (6-1); 2, Fraser Carey (10-1); 3, Freddie Muck (4-5 fav). 8 ran.

3.10 1, **Major's Law** (11-1); 2, Shehrani (11-2); 3, Euphonic Illusion (5-2 fav). 11 ran.

3.45 1, **Rolled Gold** (7-1); 2, Toskano (20-1); 3, Tony's Feelings (4-1). Mighty Merc 11-10 fav. 6 ran.

4.20 1, **Danegold** (4-1); 2, Secret Service (*100-30*); 3, *Chief Mouse* (14-1). Green Green Desert 5-4 fav. 6 ran.

4.50 1, **Follow De Call** (8-1); 2, Key Grip (14-1); 3, Absolute Proof (25-1). Nitaaf 9-4 fav. 11 ran.

WORCESTER

2.25 1, **Erllong** (9-1); 2, Galloping Guns (6-1 jt-fav); 3, Safecracker (11-1); 4, Just For A Reason (10-1). Mr Bean 6-1 jt-fav. 17 ran. NR: Persian Dawn.

2.55 1, **Chris's Lad** (13-2); 2, Old Bombay (*13-8 fav*); 3, Sea Tarth (2-1). 11 ran. NR: Welsh Silk.

3.30 1, **Carole's Crusader** (3-1); 2, Andreiot (12-1); 3, Cardinal Rule (9-4 fav). *7 ran*

4.00 1, **Winsford Hill** (15-2); 2, Bamapour (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Persian Mystic (12-1). Shorlif 3-1 jt-fav. 8 ran

4.35 1, **Baba Au Rhum** (7-1); 2, Amlah (Evens fav); 3, Stanmore (12-1). 13 ran.

5.05 1, **Luggsy** (Evens fav); 2, Ahraydoubleyou (10-1); 3, Kates Charm (4-1). 19 ran. NR: Go For It Sweetie

Ollie Baker, left, of Clare, grapples with Thomas Dunne, of Tipperary during the All-Ireland hurling championship final yesterday. Clare won the title by beating Tipperary by 0-20 to 2-13

CLUB CRICKET

BIRMINGHAM LEAGUE: Coventry and North Warwickshire 238-9 Stourbridge 83-9; *Kidderminster 180-6 Wolverhampton 179-9*; Moseley 199-8 Aston Unity 201-6; Old Hill 284-3 Stratford 285-3; Smethwick 191 Walsall 138-9; West Bromwich Dartmouth 281-4 Barnt Green 159-9; Wolverhampton 179-9 Kidderminster 180-6

FORT STERLING BOLTON LEAGUE: Astley Bridge 205-5 Egerton 207-9; Walkden 198-7 Farnworth SC 56-5; Bradshaw 146 Greenmount 147-8; Heaton 204-5 Horwich 91-6; Little Lever 150 Eagley 152-2; Farnworth 190-6 Tonge 167-8; Kearsley 172-6 v Westhoughton

BOWERS GROUP BRADFORD LEAGUE: East Bierley 149-7 Farsley 148-6; Bradford and Bingley 148 Pudsey Congs 150-3; Hanging Heaton 183-4 Undercliffe 187-8

MURRAY SMITH & CO CHESHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE: Didsbury 180-7 Alsager 102-5; Heaton Mersey 139-8 Grappenhall 128-6; Bowdon 199-6 Nantwich 193-8 (Bowdon are champions); Upton 180 Toft 164-9; Poynton 172-7 Warrington 89-6.

VAUX DURHAM SENIOR LEAGUE: Whitburn 175-9 Burnmoor 175-7; Chester-le-Street 205-1 Wearmouth 210-8; Sunderland 155 Durham City 156-2; Eppleton 138 South Shields 140-7; Felling 263-2 Philadelphia 124-9; Gateshead Fell 162 Horden 138; Durham CA 197-5 Seaham Harbour 109

LEES BREWERY LANCASHIRE COUNTY *LEAGUE:* Denton West 110-9 Denton 43-4; Dukinfield 185-8 Cheetham Hill 99-8; Sale Moor 163-7 Irlam 165-3; Longsight 179-6 Thornham 183-4; Woodbank 149 Glossop 99; Roe Green 142-8 Woodhouses 143-8.

LITTLEWOODS LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: Bootle 162-6 Colwyn Bay 139; Chester Boughton Hall 170-9 Formby 140-9; Huyton 104 St Helens Rec 106-6; Wallasey 147-8 Liverpool 80-8; Marchwiel 177-7 Leigh 178-1; Southport and Birkdale 192-9 New Brighton 193-6; Northern 201-4 Neston 205-3; Ormskirk 164-6 Worsley 116-9; Orton 170 Newton-le-Willows 117; Birkenhead Park 81 St Helens 82-2.

MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT LEAGUE: Flixton 134-8 Lytham 135-1; Brooksbottom 146 Stockport Georgians 147-5; Ashton-on-Mersey 153-5 Wythenshawe 141-8.

HAMPTON TRUST MIDDLESEX COUNTY LEAGUE: Hornsey 126 Brondesbury 127-1; Enfield 229-4 Ealing 233-3 (*Ealing are champions*); North Middlesex 99 Eastcote 100-0; Winchmore Hill 242-7 Hampstead 156-9; Shepherds Bush 123 Uxbridge 128-2; Sth Hampstead 121 Southgate 122-1; Stanmore 196-6 Brentham 125; Wembley 194-9 Richmond 195-3.

MIDLAND COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Droitwich 247-7 Stetty 179-8; Hampton 181-9 Highway 169; Lichfield 86 Bedworth 89-2; Nuneaton 102 Walmley 103-4; Redditch 121 Water Orton 125-1; Worcester NT 167 Old Edwardians 168-2

WILLIAM YOUNGER NORTH LANCASHIRE LEAGUE: Askam 93-8 Whitehaven 81-4; Barrow 207-4 Haverigg 112-0; Carlisle 207-6 Vickers Sports 45; Cleator 70-4 v Cemlorth; Lindal 191 Ulverston 113-7; Vickerstown 91 Furness 92-4; Penrith 128-6 Workington 80-9

NORTH STAFFS & SOUTH CHESHIRE LEAGUE: Bignall End 173-8 Audley 170-7; Stone 241-6 Cheadle 201-9; Stafford 120 Crewe 124-4; Leek 238-3 Newcastle and H 111-4; *Ashcombe Park* 177-1 Little Stoke 181-4; Knypersley 159 Longton 160-9; Elworth 201-8 Moddershall 205-7.

THE WATKIN JONES NORTH WALES LEAGUE: Bethesda 104-7 Halkyn 105-3; Gresford 245-2 Connah's Quay 146-8; Hawarden Park 156-9 Llay 157-2; Mochdre 103-9 Brymbo 106-1; Llandudno 119-9 Pontblyddyn 123-4

DARLINGTON BUILDING SOCIETY NORTH YORKS/SOUTH DURHAM LEAGUE: Stockton 149-8 Blackhall 150-7; Hartlepool 231-5 Darlington RA 75; *Guisborough 196-7 Bishop Auckland* 198-1; Darlington 197-6 Marske 94; Richmondshire 255-3 Middlesbrough 229-9; Thornaby 225-7 Northallerton 157; Normanby Hall 158-8 Norton 157; Saltburn 166-8 Redcar 165-6

VAUX NORTHERN LEAGUE: Chorley 190-7 Fleetwood 175-8; Leyland 91-9 Leyland DAF 92-2; Blackpool 160-6 Morecambe 139-4; Darwen 103-7 Preston 64-6; St Anne's 224-4 Netherfield 203-9 (Netherfield are champions).

PRIORY NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY *LEAGUE: Benwell 64 Alnwick 65-5*; Ashington 218-6 Tynedale 219-5; Percy Main 116 Benwell Hill 118-3; South North 238-6 Blyth 138; County Club 293-8 Backworth 199-5; Tynemouth 156-7 Morpeth 159-3

VAUX RIBBLESDALE LEAGUE: Great Harwood 129-9 Clitheroe 227-9; Blackburn Northern 158-8 Earby 163-0; Ribblesdale W 166-8 Padiham 132-3; Read 163-1 Baxenden 161; Oswaldtwistle 200-4 Settle 148-6; Cherry Tree 60-6 Whalley 54.

FURROWS SHROPSHIRE LEAGUE: Bridgnorth 148-9 Shrewsbury 152-7; Oswestry 148-9 Shrewsbury 188-3; Shifnal 136-8 Wellington 137-9; Whitchurch 134-9 St George's 135-3

SUSSEX LEAGUE: Bexhill 203-5dec East Grinstead 111 (Bexhill are champions). *Crowborough 94 Eastbourne 96-1*; Lewes Priory 169 Haywards Heath 170-2; Three Bridges 201-7dec Horsham 188-6; Middleton 209-7dec Hastings 210-6; Sidley 235-8dec Preston Nomads 139; Chichester 202-9dec Worthing 156-9

MORRANT THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE: Beaconsfield 210-6 Wokingham 146 (Beaconsfield are champions); Cove 161-8 Kidmore End 156-9 (match drawn); Chesham 117 High Wycombe 118-1; Marlow 176-9 Basingstoke 177-8; Hayes 210-9 Ickenham 214-2; Reading 141-7 Maidenhead and B 120; OMT 216-7 Finchampstead 221-6; Slough 178 Boyne Hill 182-5; Harefield 192 Tring Park 193-5; Amersham 104 Hounslow 105-5

APS TWO COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Clacton 193-9 Braintree 194-6; Maldon 199 Bury St Edmunds 203-8; Copdock and OIs 107 Colchester 108-5; Witham 126 Frinton 127-1; Mildenhall 175 Halstead 153-9; Sudbury 162-9 Mistley 143

YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: Harrogate 298-4 Hull 108; Castleford 147-8 Cleethorpes 150-4; York 155-6 v Yorks Academy; Scarborough 174-9 Rotherham 177-5; Sheff *Coll 214-7 Sheff Utd 216-6*; Barnsley 156 Appleby Frodingham 157-5; Doncaster 280-7 Driffield 179

CRICKET

One-day international

India v Pakistan

TORONTO (Pakistan won toss): India beat Pakistan by 20 runs

INDIA

*S R Tendulkar c Mohammad *b Azhar*	17
S C Ganguly c Shahid b Mohammad	17
R S Dravid c Ijaz b Shahid	23
M Azharuddin st Moin b Saqlain	52
A D Jadeja c Mohammad b Saqlain	49
R R Singh b Saqlain	16
†S S Karim b Aqib	3
R K Chauhan b Aqib	*0*
A P Kuruvilla c Saeed b Saqlain	1
H S Sodhi c Aqib b Saqlain	1
B D Mohanty not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 22, nb 3)	29
Total (50 overs)	208

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-52, 2-52, 3-85, 4-176, 5-199, 6-202, 7-203, 8-207, 9-208.

BOWLING: Aqib Javed 10-3-39-2; Mohammad Akram 9-1-41-1; Azhar Mahmood 10-1-38-1; Saqlain Mushtaq 10-0-45-5; *Shahid Afridi 10-0-43-1*; Salim Malik 1-0-1-0

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar b Mohanty	2
*Ramiz Raja c Azharuddin b Kuruvilla	1
Ijaz Ahmed c Azharuddin b Ganguly	24
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Jadeja b Kuruvilla	13
Shahid Afridi c Azharuddin b Sodhi	13
Salim Malik c Chauhan b Sodhi	64
†Moin Khan c Singh b Ganguly	0
Azhar Mahmood c Azharuddin b Sodhi	9
Saqlain Mushtaq run out	29
Aqib Javed run out	2
Mohammad Akram not out	0
Extras (b 1, lb 4, w 21, nb 5)	31
Total (44.2 overs)	188

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-6, 3-32, 4-57, 5-82, 6-84, 7-107, 8-171, 9-188

BOWLING: Kuruvilla 8-2-27-2; Mohanty 7-0-22-1; Singh 10-1-35-0; Sodhi 8.2-0-44-3; Ganguly 7-0-27-2; Tendulkar 2-0-13-0; Chauhan 2-0-15-0

Man of the match: A D Jadeja

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and R E Koertzen (South Africa).

TOUR MATCHES (first day of three): Harare: New Zealand XI 174 (P A Strang 4-45); Mashonaland 72-0. Perth: Transvaal 163 (D N Crookes 61); Western Australia 37-0

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Premiership

Quarter-finals

Bradford 12 **Castleford** 25

Bradford Bulls: Tries: Forshaw, Lowes. Goals: Loughlin, McNamara. Castleford Tigers: Tries: C Smith, Critchley, Davis, Tuuta. Goals: Davis 3, *Steadman*. Dropped goal: Ford. Att: 10,300

London 16 **Sheffield** 58

London Broncos: Tries: Beazley, Edwards, Gill. Goals: Barwick 2. Sheffield Eagles: Tries: Pinkney 2, Senior 2, Broadbent, Crowther, Doyle, Sovatabua, Taewa. Goals: Aston 11. Att: 1,750

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: St Helens 26 Salford Reds 12

Divisional Premiership

Quarter-finals

Huddersfield 37 Featherstone 12

Huddersfield Giants: Tries: Schofield 2, Bunyan, Davys, Hanger, Weston. Goals: Cook 6. Dropped goal: Schofield. Featherstone *Rovers*: Tries: Baker, Fallins. Goals: Chapman 2. Att: 2,575

Hull 52 Hunslet 10

Hull Sharks: Tries: Hepi 2, Johnson 2, Boyd, Danby, Gray, Hallas, Hewitt, R Nolan. Goals: Hewitt 6. Hunslet: Tries: Childs, Pryce. Goal: M Ellis. Att: 3,305.

Leigh 25 **Whitehaven** 48

Leigh Centurions: Tries: Ingram 2, Daniel, Fairclough. Goals: Gunning 2, Wilkinson 2. Dropped goal: Wilkinson. Whitehaven Warriors: Tries: Armstrong, Hetherington, Kiddie, Lester, Mulumu, Quirk, Wilson. Goals: Hetherington 10. Att: 2,079

Workington 10 **Keighley** 36

Workington Town: Tries: D Sowerby, Wallace. Goal: Fisher. Keighley Cougars: Tries: Ramshaw 2, A Gibbon, Bity, D Gibbon, Foster, Smith. Goals: Robinson 4. Att: 1,151

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Askam 2 Walney Central 17; *Beverley 18 Heworth 12; Dudley Hill 10* Woolston 34; Egremont 6 West Hull 17; Lock Lane 46 Saddleworth 0; Mayfield 26 Leigh Miners 14; Oldham St Anne's 39 *Wigan St Patrick's 4. First division:* Barrow Island 28 Moldgreen 26; East Leeds 12 Millom 13; Leigh East 26 Blackbrook 4; Oulton 12 Skirlaugh 34; Redhill 38 Eastmoor 8; Shaw Cross 21 *Milford 24*; Wigan St Jude's 10 Thornhill 12. **Second division:** Crosfields 8 Eccles 26; Dodworth *14 New Earswick 30; Hull Dockers 30* Ovenden 6; Normanton 66 London Students 7; Siddal 28 Dewsbury Moor 2; York Acorn 12 Featherstone Amateur 18

ACADEMY CUP: St Helens 20 Wigan 28

BARTLETT INSURANCE INTERNATIONAL MATCH: United States Tomahawks 30 *Great Britain Students 26*

AUSTRALASIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Elimination semi-final: Cronulla Sharks 10 Canberra Raiders 4

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (ARL): Elimination semi-final: North Sydney 24 Parramatta 14. **Major qualifying final:** Manly-Warringah 27 *Newcastle 12*

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Royal Navy TRC Championships: Long range: 1, Drummy 141 12pts; 2, C Dickenson 140.80; 3, N Ball 139 14. **Short range:** 1, Ball 245 29; 2, J Saunders 243.26; 3, T Army 242 28. **Overall championship positions:** 1, *Ball 384 43*; 2, Dickenson 382 36; 3, Army 381 41. **Tyro champion:** L Gay 335 19. **City RC Open:** 1, C White (Nottingham) 393 47; 2, N Verduyn (Herts) 391.39; 3, R Winney (Herts) 387 42. **City closed:** 1, Verduyn 391 39; 2, G Glasscock 384 40; 3, T Newbold 380 38. ***Freemantle Cup*** (*1 000 yds*): *1, White 72.7*; 2, Drummy 72 7; 3, H Butcher 71 8. **Arkhill Cup** (Queen's I): 1, White 105.15; 2, R Baker 103.13; 3, P Chance 103 13. **Barker Trophy** (Queen's II): 1, A Daw 147.21; 2, K Genders 147 16; 3, Ball 146.20. **Sunday aggregate** (Queen's III): 1, White 144 17; 2, *Winney 144 16*; 3, Verduyn 148 13. **Herts Open:** 1, Daw 167.28. **Cornish Cup** (1,000 yds): 1, White 74.8; 2, C Higginbottom 73.10; 3, Winney 73 9. **Bisley Pistol Centre fire:** 1, England Blue 2,234; 2, England Red 2,215; 3, Army 2,160. **Standard pistol:** 1, England Red 2,166; 2, England Blue 2 137; *3, Army 2 131*

BOXING

LAS VEGAS, Nevada: World Boxing Council welterweight championship: O de la Hoya (US, holder) bt H Camacho (P Rico) pts. **World Boxing Council lightweight championship:** S Johnston (US, holder) bt *S Duran (Mex) pts.* **International Boxing Federation junior middleweight championship:** R Marquez (US, holder) bt K Mullings (US) pts.

LONDON ARENA, Docklands: British and World Boxing Organisation inter-continental welterweight championship: G *McCreesh (Bracknell, holder) bt P Ryan* (Hackney) rsc 2. **Light-middleweight** (4rnds): J Rock (Belfast) bt R Nije (Gam) ko 3rd. **Super-middleweight** (3rnds): S Bendell (Coventry) bt G Reyniers (Greenford) pts. **Light-middleweight** (4rnds): S *Fearon (Forest Hill) bt D Quakoe (Crawley)* pts. **Light-welterweight** (6rnds): J Khaliq (Nottingham) bt M Holgate (Walthamstowe) rsc 6th. **Light-welterweight** (8rnds): J Rowlands (West Ham) bt B Coleman (Birmingham) pts. **Light-middleweight** (4rnds): M Takaloobighashi (Margate and *Iran) bt M Alexander (Doncaster) pts*

RUGBY UNION

Heineken Cup

Pool A

Milan 14 **Toulouse** 19

Milan: Try: Gomez. *Pens: Filizzola 3*. Toulouse: Try: Garbajosa. Con: Ougier. Pens: Merlang 3, Ougier

Pool B

Swansea 33 Ulster 16

Swansea: Tries: Gibbs, H Thomas. Con: A Thomas. Pens: A Thomas 7. Ulster: Try: Gallick. Con: Laing. Pens: Laing 3

Glasgow 22 **Wasps** 46

Glasgow: Tries: Hayes 2, Bulloch. Cons: Hayes, Little. Pen: Hayes. Wasps: Tries: Gomarsall, Greenstock, Logan, Rouser, Sheasby. Cons: Rees 3. Pens: Rees 5

(at Scotstoun, Glasgow)

Pool C

Brive 32 Pontypridd 31

Brive: Tries: Bonnal, Duboisset, J Carrat, Manhes. Pens: Lamaisson 4. *Pontypridd*: Tries: James 2, Morgan. Cons: Jenkins 2. Pens: Jenkins 4. Att: 4,500.

Scottish Borders 17 **Bath** 31

Scottish Borders: Try: Stanger. Pens: We[illegible] [illegible]nison. Bath: Tries: Earnshaw 2, Horsman, Ojomoh, *Perry*. Cons: Callard 3.

(at Mansfield Park, Hawick)

Pool D

Cardiff 43 Munster 23

Cardiff: Tries: S Williams 2, *Walker* 2, Humphreys, Wake. Cons: Jarvis 5. Pen: Jarvis. Munster: Tries: Lacey 2, Quinlan. Con: O'Gara. Pens: O'Gara 2

Harlequins 45 Bourgoin 7

Harlequins: Tries: Ngauamo 2, Williams, Wood. Cons: Lacroix 2. Pens: Lacroix 7. Bourgoin: Try: Frier. Con: Favre

Pool E

Pau 44 Llanelli 12

Pau: Tries: Bacque 2, Brusque 2, Bernat-Salles, Keith. Cons: Aucagne 4. Pens: Aucagne 2. Llanelli: Pens: Botica 4

Caledonia 17 Treviso 9

Caledonia: Try: White. Pens: Shepherd 3. *Dropped goal*: Easson. Treviso: Pens: Sherrell 3. Att: 2,000

(at McDiarmid Park, Perth)

European Conference

Pool A

Ebbw Vale 28 Bristol 15

Ebbw Vale: Tries: Bell, Hayward, Watkins, Woodward. Con: Hayward. Pens: Hayward 2. Bristol: Tries: Corkery, S Jones. Con: R Jones. Pen: R Jones

La Rochelle 20 **Agen** 33

La Rochelle: Tries: Bouche, Moulinec. Cons: Bouche 2. Pens: Bouche 2. Agen: Tries: *Matteo 2*, Cistacq, Haymans. Cons: Bouic 2. Pens: Bouic 3. Att: 5,000

Pool B

Montferrand 58 Newport 32

Montferrand: Tries: Bory 4, Gabin, Heyer, Labouce, Marlu, Mercoron, Sadourny. Cons: Toulouze 4. Newport: Tries: Robinson 2, Cooke, M Llewellyn. Cons: John 3. Pens: John 2

Montpellier 30 Sale 12

Montpellier: Tries: Donadio 2, Bertrand, Delpoux. Cons: Debroul 2. Pens: Debroul 2. Sale: Tries: Diamond, Moore. Con: Howarth. Att: 1,500

Pool C

Stade Français 83 Farul Constanta 10

Stade Français: Tries: Pisson 2, Bolobo, Comba, De Villiers, Decamps, Lazorges, Lievremont, Manas, Marconnet, Pedrosa, Reight. Cons: Reight 10. Pen: Reight. Farul Constanta: Try: Talaba. *Con: Talaba*. Pen: Bozarau. Att: 3,000.

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Dax 34 London Irish 19

Pool D

Northampton 25 Begles 13

Northampton: Try: Townsend. Con: Grayson. Pens: Grayson 6. Bègles-Bordeaux: Try: Dongieu. Con: Paillat. Pens: Paillat 2

Nice 20 Connacht 16

Nice: Tries: Dasalmartini, Martin, penalty try. Con: Fausto. Pen: Caesus. Connacht: Try: *Murphy*. Con: Elwood. Pens: Elwood 3. Att: 1,500

Pool E

Richmond 43 Bridgend 11

Richmond: Tries: Va'a 2, Bateman, C Quinnell, Hutton, Wright. Cons: Mason 5. Pen: Mason. Bridgend: Try: Durston. Cons: Cull 3

Colomiers 60 Grenoble 10

Colomiers: Tries: Peysson 2, Bibouliet, Carre, Dalpos, Galthier, Labit, Skrela. Cons: Labit 6. Cons: Carre. Pens: Carre, Labit. Grenoble: Try: Comhons. Con: Beale. Pen: Beale. Att: 2,000

Pool F

Béziers 40 Padova 23

Béziers: Tries: Gratien 2, Bellzons, Mignoni, Viard. Cons: Gratien 3. Pens: Gratien 3. Padova: Tries: Martin, penalty try. Cons: Campese 2. Pens: Campese 3. *Att: 3,000*

Gloucester 18 Toulon 15

Gloucester: Pens: Mapletoft 4. Dropped goals: Mapletoft 2. Toulon: Pens: Burton 3, Teissere. Dropped goal: Huebar. Att: 4,103.

Pool G

Edinburgh 15 **Biarritz** 32

Edinburgh: Tries: Rood, penalty try. Con: Hodge. Pen: Hodge. Biarritz: Tries: Arriola, Benetti, Cocurvilc, Goulournel. Pens: Arriola 4. Att: 1,000

(at Goldenacre)

Newcastle 60 Perpignan 3

Newcastle: Tries: Lam 3, Archer, Armstrong, Arnold, Nesdale, Shaw. Cons: Stimpson 4. Pens: Stimpson 4. Perpignan: Pen: Salies.

Pool H

Neath 10 ***Narbonne*** 60

Neath: Try: penalty try. Con: D Hawkins. Pen: D Hawkins. Narbonne: Tries: Artettaz 2, Stoica 2, Benazach, C Valls, Calvel. Cons: C Valls 6. Pen: C Valls.

Saracens 28 Castres 21

Saracens: Tries: P Wallace, Ravenscroft, Sella. Con: Lynagh. Pens: Lynagh 3. Castres: Tries: Raggiudo, Senamea. Con: Castaignède. Pens: Castaignède 3

Allied Dunbar Premiership

Second division

Blackheath 29 Wakefield 27

Blackheath: Tries: Clarke 2, Fitzgerald, Graham. Cons: Braithwaite 3. Pen: Braithwaite. Wakefield: Tries: Scully 2, Chulewa. Cons: Jackson 3. Pens: Jackson 2

Exeter 17 **Bedford** 32

Exeter: Try: John. Pens: M Fabian 2. Dropped goals: Patidar 2. Bedford: Tries: Murdoch, Whetstone, Yapp, penalty try. Cons: Rayer 3. Pens: Rayer 2

Fylde 15 **Coventry** 23

Fylde: Tries: Duggan, Preston. Con: Gough. Pen: Gough. Coventry: Try: Horrobin. Pens: Harris 6

Moseley 16 **West Hartlepool** 21

Moseley: *Try: Liley. Con: Liley. Pens: Liley 3.* West Hartlepool: Tries: Morgan, N'uakila. Con: Vile. Pens: Vile 2. Dropped goal: Vile. Att: 1,258

Waterloo 17 **London Scottish** 38

Waterloo: Tries: Coast, Hearn. Cons: L Griffiths 2. Pen: L Griffiths. London Scottish: Tries: Shannon 2, Cook, Hunter. Cons: Lee 2. Pens: Lee 3. Dropped goal: Lee

Yesterday

Rotherham 14 **Orrell** 29

Rotherham: Try: Sinclair. Pens: Binns 3. Orrell: Tries: Cronin, Verbickas, Wright. Con: Verbickas. Pens: Verbickas 4

Jewson National League

First division

Harrogate 50 Morley 19

Harrogate: Tries: Dixon 2, Feurer 2, Holder, Taylor, Whiting. Cons: Dixon 2, Riley. Pens: Dixon 2, Riley. Morley: Tries: Armitage, Machor, Smith. Cons: Fletcher. M Sales

London Welsh 21 Leeds 21

London Welsh: Tries: Peacock, Tucker. Con: Raymond. Pens: Raymond 3. Leeds: Tries: Radacanu, Stephens. Con: *Tuipulotu. Pens: Tuipulotu 3*

Lydney 13 Liverpool St H 0

Lydney: Try: Meek. Con: Merrett. Pens: Morrott 2

Newbury 21 **Worcester** 28

Newbury: Tries: B Johnson, penalty try. Con: Osman. Pens: Osman 3. Worcester: Tries: Baxter, Clark, Tomlinson. Cons: Le Bas 2. Pens: Le Bas 3

Otley 3 **Rugby** 22

Otley: Pen: Rutledge. Rugby: Tries: Saunders 2, Alexander, M Ellis. Con: *Quantrill*

Rosslyn Park 17 **Reading** 29

Rosslyn Park: Try: Marvel. Pens: Maddock 4. Reading: Tries: Bachelet, Clark, Harris. Con: Danco. Pens: Danco 4

Wharfedale 22 Nottingham 14

Wharfedale: Tries: A Howarth, Davies, McManus. Cons: Mounsey 2. Pen: Mounsey. Nottingham: Try: Bygrave. Pens: C Atkinson 3.

RFU CUP: First round: Aspatria 24 Stockton 13; *Barking 26 Swanage and Wareham 18*; Basingstoke 10 Weston-super-Mare 39; Birmingham/Solihull 22 Westleigh 10; Bridgwater 18 Metropolitan Police 30; Broadstreet 25 Walsall 17; Camberley 38 Barnstaple 16; Cheltenham 138 Okehampton 0; Coney Hill 5 Preston Grasshoppers 16; Haywards Heath 26 Plymouth 25; Henley 64 Cambridge 12; Hornets 28 Havant 72; Launceston 58 Bicester 6; Lewes 12 Wimbledon 11; Lichfield 10 Manchester 28; Longton 22 Widnes 38; Maidenhead 14 Amersham and Chiltern 36; Matson 8 Bishop's Stortford 3; North Walsham 19 Esher 18; Northern 49 Derby 3; Norwich 14 Bracknell 25; Nuneaton 11 Sedgley Park 7; Old Coventrians 13 Huddersfield 35; Olney 18 St Ives 20; *Sandal 30 Chester 22*; Scunthorpe 6 Doncaster 23; Selly Oak 31 Syston 19; Sevenoaks 32 Cheshunt 13; Sheffield 38 Old Northamptonians 14; Sherborne 19 Clifton 30; St Benedict's 9 Wigton 24; Staines 35 Redruth 25; Sunderland 8 Kendal 27; Sutton and Epsom 23 Banbury 25; Tabard 23 *Harlow 0; Taunton 34 Canterbury 12*; Tynedale 32 Hinckley 8; Vagabonds (IoM) 18 Old Brodleians 15; Vale of Lune 27 Ampthill 25; Whitchurch 28 Stourbridge 35; Winchester 20 Ruislip 0; Winnington Park 64 Stoke 12

Welsh League

First division

Aberavon 46 Maesteg 25

Aberavon: Tries: R Lewis 2, Thrupp 2, Diplock, Stork, Vickers, Walters. Cons: Stork 2, Ball. Maesteg: Tries: Malone 2, C Thomas. Cons: Pearce 2. Pen: Pearce. Dropped goal: Pearce

Abertillery 26 Cardiff Inst 14

Abertillery: Tries: Howells, N Meredith, Wright. Con: Fleet. Pens: Fleet 3. Cardiff Institute: Try: Roberts. Pens: Roberts 3

Blackwood 26 Rumney 10

Blackwood: Tries: Grimstead, Lewis, Pask. Con: Lay. Pens: Lay 3. Rumney: Try: Norman. Con: Mason. Pen: Mason

Dunvant 30 Bonymaen 15

Dunvant: Tries: E Harris, John, Kille, Middleton. Cons: M Thomas 2. Pens: M Thomas 2. Bonymaen: Tries: *Alexander*, N Evans, P John.

Llandovery 16 **SW Police** 25

Llandovery: Try: P Jones. Con: Rees. Pens: Rees 3. South Wales Police: Tries: Cox, Knight, Sparrow. Cons: Sparrow 2. *Pens: Sparrow 2*

Newbridge 12 Cross Keys 5

Newbridge: Pens: J Williams 4. Cross Keys: Try: Ellis.

Pontypool 12 **Caerphilly** 60

Pontypool: Tries: Atkin, Betts. Con: Perry. Caerphilly: Tries: Robbins 3, Belton, Davey, R Bidgood, S Brown, Stein, Wainwright. Cons: Davey 5, P Phillips. Pen: Davey

Treorchy 22 Merthyr 17

Treorchy: Tries: Eggar 2, Hopkins. Cons: D Lloyd 2. Pen: D Lloyd. Merthyr: Tries: Davies, Ford, Hooper. Con: Hancox.

SECOND DIVISION: Tondu 48 Abercynon 5; Kenfig Hill 38 St Peter's 22; Pyle 21 Whitland 27; Llanharan 21 Ystradgynlais 10; Mountain Ash 10 Tredegar 46; Narberth 11 Tenby Utd 13

SRU League Trophy

Group A

Currie	34	Preston Lodge	18
Hawick	8	Kirkcaldy	12
Heriot's FP	63	Edinburgh Ac	23
Melrose	20	Glasgow Hawks	20
Musselburgh	13	Gala	48

Group B

Biggar	24	Boroughmuir	28
Kelso	65	Dundee HSFP	12
Kilmarnock	13	*Jed-Forest*	*10*
Peebles	20	Watsonians	43
Stirling County	23	West of Scotland	22

NEW ZEALAND PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP: North Harbour 3 Canterbury 20 (*in Auckland*); Auckland 27 Counties-Manukau 12 (in Auckland); Taranaki 74 Southland 43 (in New Plymouth); Wellington 27 Otago 32 (in Wellington)

CURRIE CUP: Northern Transvaal 40 Eastern Province 9 (in Pretoria); Northern Free State 32 Boland 75 (in Welkom); Natal 29 Mpumalanga 19 (in Durban); South Western Districts 20 Gauteng Lions 25 (in George); Gauteng Falcons 3 Free State 38 (in Brakpan); Western Province 52 North West 18 (in Cape Town)

ENGLAND TRAINING SQUAD (at Bisham Abbey, September 17): **Backs:** J Callard (Bath), C Catling (Gloucester), I Hunter (Northampton), J Mallinder (Sale), T Stimpson (Newcastle), A Adebayo (Bath), *N Beal* (*Northampton*), *J Bentley* (Newcastle), D Luger (Harlequins), J Naylor (Newcastle), D O'Leary (Harlequins), D Rees (Sale), J Sleightholme (Bath), T Underwood (Newcastle), M Allen (Northampton), J Baxendell (Sale), A Blyth (Northampton), P de Glanville (Bath), N *Greenstock* (*Wasps*), *W Greenwood* (Leicester), J Guscott (Bath), P Mensah (Harlequins), M Perry (Bath), M Catt (Bath), P Grayson (Northampton), A King (Wasps), R Liley (Harlequins), M Mapletoft (Gloucester), S Benton (Gloucester), K Bracken (Saracens), M Dawson (Northampton), A Gomarsall (Wasps), A Healey (Leicester). **Forwards:** D Crompton (Richmond), D Garforth (Leicester), W Green (Wasps), R Hardwick (Coventry), J Leonard (Harlequins), J Mallett (Bath), G Rowntree (Leicester), V Ubogu (Bath), M Volland (Northampton), K Yates (Bath), R Cockerill (Leicester), S Diamond (Sale), G French (Bath), P Greening (Gloucester), S Mitchell (Wasps), M Regan (Bath), D West (Leicester), G Archer (Newcastle), D Baldwin (Sale), M Bayfield (Northampton), R Fidler (Gloucester), J Fowler (Sale), D Grewcock (Saracens), M Haag (Bath), M Johnson (Leicester), C Murphy (Sale), N Redman (Bath), S Shaw (Wasps), D Sims (Gloucester), R West (Richmond), G Allison (Harlequins), N Back (Leicester), B Clarke (Richmond), M Corry (Leicester), L Dallaglio (Wasps), W Davison (Harlequins), A Diprose (Saracens), R Hill (Saracens), R Jenkins (Harlequins), S Ojomoh (Bath), T Rodber (Northampton), P Scrivener (Wasps), C Sheasby (Wasps), M White (Wasps)

Dulwich pack punch in all departments

By John Goodbody

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

IT MAY need a team of tanks to stop Dulwich College on the rugby union field this term. Few schools can ever have been armed with such ability. Dulwich have three forwards from the England 18-group team fresh from a victorious tour of Australia, plus, at scrum half, Tim Dux, the captain of the England Under-16 team two years ago, and his successor, Chris King, a centre.

"Everything is just coming together," Dux said. "This is the season for which Dulwich has been waiting for so long."

Three years ago, Dulwich won the *Daily Mail* under-15 national competition without conceding a point and 14 of that team played against Epsom on Saturday, David Flatman, the England Schools prop, being the newcomer.

This first fixture between the schools was running so strongly in Dulwich's favour that the referee sensibly ended the game at least ten minutes early with the score at 80-3.

It was not that Epsom were spiritless. They are a perfectly respectable team, with a long and precise kicker in Richard Small, the fly half. They stuck to their task with commendable concentration.

However, a school pack does not usually face two athletic 17st props like Flatman and Jon Dawson, who are supported by Andrew Sheridan, 18st, a shot-putter who was fourth in the England schools' championship two years ago. He is described by Peter Allen, the master in charge at Dulwich, as "a gentleman off the pitch but a tyrant on it". Epsom could, therefore, offer plenty of excuses for being subdued. Andy Wolstenholme, their master in charge said: "There is so much power in the Dulwich front five and they have the pace and intelligence among the backs to go with it. It is as good a school team as you will see. They will be scoring a lot of points this season."

Although it was their first inter-schools game of the term, Epsom played three matches in a pre-season tour of Ireland, while Dulwich, without their three England forwards, paid a month-long visit to Australia, a tour that served to give them added zest and sharpness.

Perhaps this was best shown in the thirtieth minute, when Dulwich were already leading 46-0. For once, they were careless and Tom Wilkinson, the Epsom captain, broke clear down the touchline. However, he was pursued all the way by James Franklin, the Dulwich hooker, who caught his man just in time.

ADRIAN SHERRATT

The formidable Dulwich front row prepares to lock horns with their Epsom counterparts

King, who scored three tries on Saturday, is the most fluent runner among the Dulwich backs. "He gets buried if he tries to trash through a defence," Allen said, "but he is good at running into a hole and, in a one-to-one situation, I would back him nine times out of ten."

Although Dulwich will have to tidy up their goal-kicking, only a spate of injuries or complacency seem likely to disturb them. However, any over-confidence is sure to be stamped on by Dux, the captain, of whom Allen says: "He reads the game well and is a great motivator."

The forwards recognise that some of their experiences in Australia will not need to be re-enacted in inter-schools games. "The physicality has to be toned down," Flatman said, "but everyone came back from Australia an improved player. We learnt so much from Geoff Wappett and the other England coaches."

Flatman is one player who is attracted by the prospect of playing professional rugby union and Allen believes he could almost play in the first division now. "There is so much glory in it," Flatman said. "Everyone wants to play for England."

Club and representative teams are queuing up to sign the players, but Allen is conscious of the need to "protect the talented youngsters. They should not really play more than one game a week and they can progress through the ranks after Christmas."

Dux is well aware of the dangers of scorning academic work. "A young professional player can break his leg three times and never play again. If you are not prepared to secure another career, that is it."

DULWICH COLLEGE: N West, M Woolsey, C King, H Stewart, F Reynolds, N Martin, T Dux, D Flatman, J Franklin, J Dawson, A Sheridan, J Nurse, N White, A Thompson, M Graham.

EPSOM COLLEGE: Y Balu; A Hilston, T Wilkinson, T Aylward, M Dalrymple, R Small, A Dense; G Tongue, O Bridge, R Chebaro, R Oglander, C Slade, M Gossain, O Walts, M Roberts.

BMW lead the race back to Formula One

THE BUSINESS OF SPORT

The Williams Formula One team and BMW last week finally confirmed motor racing's worst-kept secret — that the two would be teaming up from the start of the 2000 grand prix season. For BMW, the announcement that it is returning to the sport comes almost exactly ten years after the German car company left Formula One. It is an opportunity to revive a proud tradition that last saw BMW taking a championship with Nelson Piquet at the wheel in 1983.

BMW is already beginning to work on the project at its Munich headquarters. The project team is being led by Paul Rossche, technical director of BMW motor sport, who has previous Formula One experience. The company is also looking for a site close to Williams's Oxfordshire base.

For all BMW's past experience, the company is facing an unenviable task in trying to fill the void left by the departure of Renault from the sport. Renault's Mechachrome V10 engine has dominated Formula One racing throughout the 1990s, powering not just Williams but Benetton to eight drivers' and manufacturers' titles.

While Williams's stranglehold on the sport appears to be slipping this year, the Renault engine remains so central to Frank Williams's plans that he has taken the unusual step of agreeing to purchase an engine that was previously given to the team free. For £11 million a year, Renault has agreed to continue supplying the engine from the end of the season until BMW is ready to take control in 2000.

Renault's decision to quit Formula One surprised many when it was announced late last year, but the company is a victim of its own domination of the sport. The marketing team has concluded that Williams-Renault has become so synonymous with Formula One success that there are few extra benefits to be gained from remaining.

Renault invests around £40 million a year in the sport, supporting a team of 150 highly-skilled design staff to ensure the engine's continuing success. Around 30 engineers travel the grand prix circuit to help fix any last-minute glitches.

At a time when the parent company is undergoing a painful restructuring process that is resulting in job losses across the company, Renault felt it could no longer justify its huge outlay on the relative luxury of motor sport. Yet while the car industry as a whole is struggling to deal with problems created by overcapacity, Renault's decision to depart does not seem to have greatly tarnished the appeal of the sport.

BMW left Formula One in 1987, but such is the company's enthusiasm to return that it is willing to invest £100 million in its five-year deal with Williams. The Japanese car company, Honda, which departed the grand prix circuit in 1992 after leading the way during the 1980s, has also expressed its determination to return.

Formula One retains an irresistible glamour for the big motor manufacturers. BMW explained its return in the marketing jargon beloved of the industry. "Key aspects of the BMW brand, like dynamism and innovation, complement the attributes of Formula One," the company's press release claimed. Translated, it means that BMW felt it could no longer sit and watch while its main rivals, Mercedes, stole the limelight through the increasing success of the McLaren team.

Car manufacturers also love to claim that they can use techniques developed on the Formula One circuits for their production cars.

While the engines developed for grand prix cars now seem to have more in common with aircraft than with the hatchbacks on the streets of Europe, there has been some transfer of technology. But if this was the main reason for investing in motor sport, BMW would simply stick with its successful touring and sports car teams, which provide far more direct lines for technology transfer.

As production cars become increasingly uniform in price and technology, the marketing becomes ever more central to success. Do not be surprised to find Renault itching to make a return to the grand prix circuit in a few years time.

Alasdair Murray

ICE HOCKEY

Cranston leads Sheffied charge

By Norman de Mesquita

EARLY indications are that, however many changes there may have been in personnel, the Superleague will probably follow much the same pattern as last season. Nottingham Panthers and Cardiff Devils, having played three games in their Benson and Hedges Cup group, remain unbeaten, while Sheffield Steelers are challenging for the lead in their group.

On Saturday, all three won, with the Steelers running up a double-figure score against Paisley Pirates, of the National League. Tim Cranston scored three of the Sheffield goals and they led 7-1 by the end of the second period.

It was a much closer contest at Bracknell, where Cardiff beat the local Bees by the odd goal in five, but they were fortunate to win the points. Late in the second period, what appeared to be a good goal was disallowed because the on-ice officials failed to see the puck enter the net. Both goaltenders were outstanding and Mark Bernard was rightly voted the Bracknell man-of-the-match. Frank Caprice, in the Cardiff goal, was also kept busy.

Basingstoke Bison, who finished bottom of the Superleague last season, went down 5-2 at Nottingham, unable to recover from a 3-1 deficit at the first interval.

Ayr Scottish Eagles and Newcastle Cobras played out a 4-4 draw. When Alan Schuler gave Ayr a 4-3 lead, with less than seven minutes to go, the Scottish-based side must have thought they were home and dry, but Brett Stewart pounced to score with 4½ minutes remaining on the clock to salvage a valuable point for the Cobras.

SPEEDWAY

Title completes Carr comeback

By Tony Hoare

PETER CARR rounded off a remarkable comeback season on Saturday night by lifting the Premier League riders' championship at the Brandon Stadium, Coventry. Carr, 34, sneaked through to the semi-finals of the competition and went on to win the final and claim the first prize of a Jawa bike.

Carr, who represented Edinburgh in the competition, which pitted the best riders from all 14 Premier League clubs against each other, gave supporters from the Scottish capital another success to cheer after their Premier League Cup triumph a fortnight earlier.

Yet, at the start of the year, Carr was virtually a forgotten man, having retired in the middle of the 1995 season after a disappointing spell with Belle Vue. However, Edinburgh tempted him back into the saddle after their slow start to the campaign and his return has been remarkable. In 28 matches for the Monarchs before Saturday, he had recorded 11 unbeaten scores, the highest in the Premier League.

Carr, who representated England fourtimes in the 1980s, said: "Everything has gone so well since I came back. My starting is better now than it ever was and the new style of bikes used since I retired have helped me a lot."

Edinburgh had a double celebration on Saturday with Robert Eriksson, their Swedish rider, finishing in third place. Glenn Cunningham, of Reading, was second.

Anders Henriksson, of Newport, crashed heavily with Leigh Lanham, of Exeter, in the fifth race and was taken to hospital, where he was detained overnight with concussion and a burn to his leg.

A dominant individual performance from Tony Rickardsson, of Sweden, could not stop Denmark winning the World Team Cup final on Saturday. Hans Nielsen and Tommy Knudsen, the veteran Danish pair, took the title, with 24 points, from Poland, on 25. Rickardsson scored 17 out of Sweden's 21, which earned them third place.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The holders of the Gold Cup were knocked out in the third round this year. This is a hand from the match.

Dealer East **Game all** **IMPs**

North:
♠ 4
♥ 7 6 2
♦ Q 10 5 3
♣ K Q J 10 4

West:
♠ 6
♥ K Q J 10 9 4
♦ 9 8 2
♣ 7 6 2

East:
♠ J 9 8 3
♥ —
♦ A K J 7 6
♣ A 9 8 3

South:
♠ A K Q 10 7 5 2
♥ A 8 5 3
♦ 4
♣ 5

S	W	N	E
Sanqvist	Crouch	Short	Lodge
—	—	—	1 D
Double	3 H	4 C	Pass
4 S	All Pass		

Contract: Four Spades by South. Lead: king of hearts

It's not clear what the correct action is on South's hand over East's One Diamond. An immediate Four Spades would have been my choice.

East discarded a diamond on the king of hearts. Declarer won and played two top trumps (on which East played the three and eight): on the second trump West correctly discarded the two of clubs. When there is a long suit in an entryless dummy you should give your partner a count of it as soon as possible.

Declarer switched to a club at trick four, and when West followed with the seven East could tell West had started with three clubs, so he won the first club. But now he fell from grace by attempting to cash two diamonds. Sandqvist ruffed the second diamond, and exited with queen and another trump. East had to give the rest of the tricks to dummy.

Had East exited with a trump after winning the first diamond, the best declarer can do is to put East back in with a fourth trump. When East plays a second high diamond, declarer discards, and now makes the rest of the tricks. However, that is still one off. Another variation is for East to preserve the three of spades — then if South carelessly ruffs the second diamond with the two, East can avoid being thrown in by unblocking the jack of spades on the third round of the suit.

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☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
chess correspondent

England selection

The British Chess Federation has announced the selection of the following team to represent England, the reigning European champions, at the world team championship in Switzerland in October. In board order, the team is: Nigel Short, Michael Adams, Matthew Sadler, Jon Speelman, Julian Hodgson, John Nunn. With this team England has, for the first time, a real chance of winning gold medals in the world championship, though some eyebrows may be raised at the decision to exclude grandmaster Tony Miles who shared first prize in the British championship tournament at Hove this year.

Age v youth

Veteran Viktor Korchnoi and French prodigy Etienne Bacrot are locked in a six-game match. Here is Korchnoi's win in game one.

White: Etienne Bacrot
Black: Viktor Korchnoi

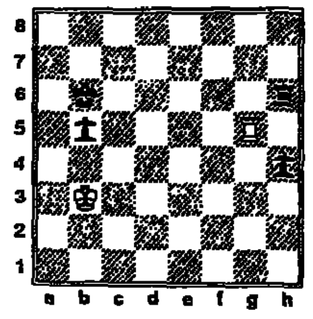
Albert, France,
September 1997

Queen's Gambit Declined

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	d5
4	Nc3	Be7
5	Bg5	h6
6	Bxf6	Bxf6
7	Qc2	dxc4
8	e3	c5
9	dxc5	Qa5
10	Bxc4	Qxc5
11	Ne4	Qa5+
12	Ke2	Be7
13	g4	Nd7
14	a3	Nf6
15	Ned2	Bd7
16	Rhg1	Rc8
17	Qb3	Qb6
18	Qxb6	axb6
19	Ne5	Ba4
20	Rac1	Bd6
21	Ndf3	Ke7
22	h4	Rhd8
23	g5	Nd7
24	Nxd7	Rxd7
25	Bd3	Rdc7
26	Rxc7+	Rxc7
27	Nd4	Be5
28	Rg4	Bd7
29	Re4	f6
30	gxh6	gxh6
31	f4	Bxd4
32	Rxd4	Rc5
33	Rb4	b5
34	Kf2	Kd6
35	Rd4+	Kc7
36	Be4	Bc6
37	Bxc6	Rc2+
38	Kf3	bxc6
39	b4	Rc3
40	f5	exf5
41	Kf4	Rxa3
42	Kxf5	Rxe3
43	Kxf6	Rc3
44	Ke5	h5
45	Re4	c5
46	Kd5	cxb4
47	Rxb4	Kb6
48	Kd4	Rc5
49	Rb1	Rc4+
50	Kd3	Rxh4
51	Kc3	Rc4+
52	Kb3	h4
53	Rg1	Rc6
54	Rg5	Rh6

White resigns

Diagram of final position



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WORD-WATCHING

By *Philip Howard*

AUTOCOID
a. Shaped like a car
b. Human reaction
c. Secretion

DIRAC
a. Vin de pays
b. A mathematician
c. Union of driving instructors

APLUSTER
a. Armour-piercing ammunition
b. A ship's stern
c. A Zodiac light

BARBAROSSA
a. An operatic bone surgeon
b. A wartime campaign
c. A New Testament malefactor

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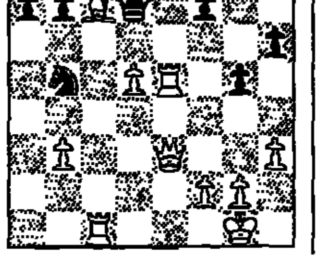
WINNING MOVE

By *Raymond Keene*

White to play. This position is from the game Ibragimov — Seul, Berlin 1997.

Beginners are often taught not to make weakening pawn moves in front of the king without good reason. Today's position is a good demonstration of why this is good advice. White to play.



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16 SEPT	BUZZACOTT	NEW ZEALAND	45
16 SEPT	COOPERS & LYBRAND	ARCOT HALL	40
16 SEPT	DIBB LUPTON ALSOP	MOOR PARK	40
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16 SEPT	RPMS	NORTH HANTS	24
16 SEPT	XDALE LIMITED	THE VALE	40
16 SEPT	YULE CATTO CONSUMER CHEMICALS	BREADSALL PRIORY	90

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630	Exch 15% 1997	100¾	-	14.87	6.51
800	Treas 4¾% 1998	[illegible]	+	4.01	6.52
3,560	Exch 9¾% 1998	100¾	-	9.67	6.93
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	100		7.24	7.00
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	104	-	13.39	7.02
935	Treas 15½% 1998	108	-	14.31	6.98
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	105	-	11.38	7.06
7,900	Treas 9½% 1999	103	+	9.21	6.96
1,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	107		11.40	7.00
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	105	+	9.96	6.97
6,950	Treas 6% 1999	98	+	6.10	6.89
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	106	+	9.63	7.02
[illegible]	Conv 9% 2000	104	+	8.62	7.00
9,800	Treas 8% 2000	102	+	7.77	6.94
109	Treas 8½% 2000	103	+	8.24	7.02
3,171	[illegible] 13% 2000	115		11.30	7.04
[illegible]	Treas 10% 2001	108	+	9.18	7.01
[illegible]	Treas 7% 2001	100	+	6.99	6.94

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
7,500	Treas 7% 2002	100	+	6.98	6.90
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	+	8.76	7.00
8,000	Treas 8% 2003	104	+	7.63	6.94
2,503	Treas 10% 2003	114	+	8.73	6.99
1,630	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113	+	10.12	7.04
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	87	+	4.01	5.78
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	114	+	8.33	6.95
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	99	+	6.81	6.95
10,373	Treas 8½% 2005	109	+	7.76	6.95
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	114	+	8.29	6.91
2,200	Treas 12½% 2003-05	127	+	9.83	7.01
11,700	Treas 7¾% 2006	103	+	7.23	6.94
4,000	Treas 7¾% 2006	105	+	7.37	6.97
2,050	Treas 8% 2002-06	103	+	7.7[illegible]	7.08
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	+	9.73	7.0[illegible]
7,397	Treas 8½% 2007	110	+	7.68	6.9[illegible]
7,000	Treas 7¼% 2007	102	+	7.07	6.90
5,621	Treas 9% 2008	115	+	7.78	6.9[illegible]
3,450	Treas 9% 2008	103	+	7.38	6.95

LONGS (over 15 years)

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	93	+	6.6[illegible]	6.95
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	117	+	7.64	6.96
5,360	Treas 9% 2012	118	+	7.59	6.98
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	88	+	6.21	6.97
6,100	Treas 8% 2013	103	+	7.28	6.78
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	106	+	7.25	6.96
13,787	Treas 8% 2015	111	+	7.18	6.95
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	119	+	7.22	6.90
15,000	Tr 8% 2021	113	+	7.06	6.93

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
1,909	War Ln 3½%	50	-	6.93	
475	Treas 2½%	35	+	7.08	
354	Consols 4%	55	+	7.24	

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Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	10%	5%
2,150	Treas IL 2½% 2001	188	-	2.87	3.61
2,400	Treas IL 2½% 2003	184	-	3.05	3.59
1,150	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	119	-	3.1[illegible]	3.54
2,350	Treas IL 2% 2006	195	+	3.21	3.56
2,525	Treas IL 2½% 2009	176	+	3.23	3.51
3,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	183	+1¼	3.2[illegible]	3.5[illegible]
3,750	Treas IL 2½% 2013	151	+1	3.29	3.50
3,725	Treas IL 2½% 2016	162	+1	3.30	3.50
3,700	Treas IL 2½% 2020	156	+1	3.36	3.52
3,750	Treas IL 2½% 2024	129	+1	3.37	3.52
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	127	+1	3.3[illegible]	3.5[illegible]

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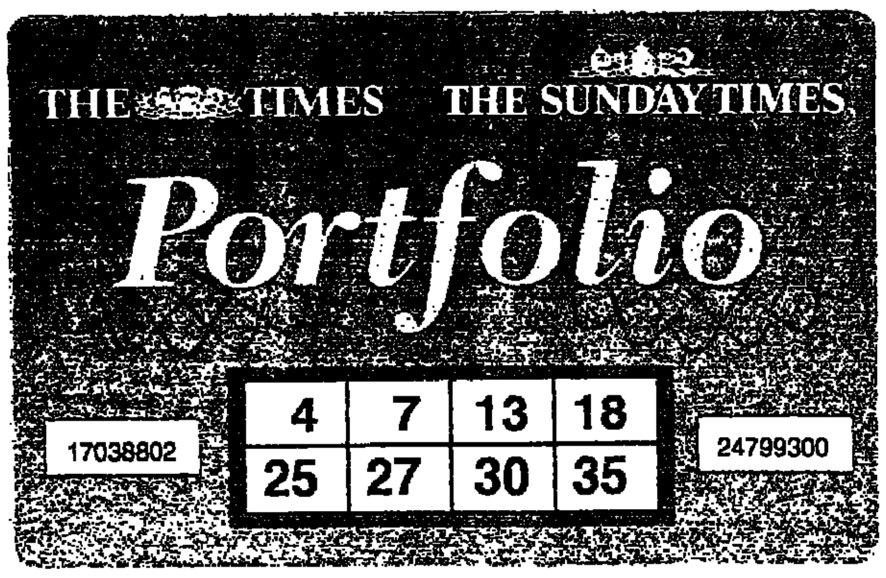
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Interims. Blagden Industries, British Polythene Industries, Country Casuals Holdings, English China Clays, First Russian Frontiers Trust, Havelock Europa, Healthcall Group, Hunting, Inchcape, London and Manchester Group, The Morgan Crucible Company, The Premier Group, The Roxboro Group, Scruttons, Sharpe & Fisher, Travis Perkins, Torex Group, Wellington Holdings, Whatman. **Finals:** City Technology Holdings, Dalgety, European Leisure, Prolific Income, SCI Entertainment Group, The Second Alliance Trust, Shire Pharmaceuticals Group. **Economic statistics:** US Treasury auction of short-term T-bills

TOMORROW

Interims: Acorn Group, William Baird, Britannia Group, Brita International, Capital Industries, CLS Holdings, Delta, DRS Data & Research Services, Linton Park, John Mowlem & Company, Mersey, Premier Oil, Rexam, SGB Group, Alexander Russell, St James's Place Capital, Taylor Woodrow, Tesco. **Finals:** The Alumasc Group, Domestic & General Group, Dorling Kindersley Holdings, Hays. **Economic statistics:** UK public sector borrowing requirement (Aug), US consumer prices index (Aug)

WEDNESDAY

Interims: BG (Q2), Bowthorpe, Britannic Assurance, Claremont Garments (Holdings), Gallaher Group, Hardy Oil & Gas, Kingfisher, John Laing, Bernard Matthews, Mayborn Group, Next, PTS Group, Quality Software Products Holdings, The Savoy Hotel, S&U, Trinity International Holdings, Wassall, Watmoughs (Holdings). **Finals:** M-R Group, Towry Law. **Economic statistics:** Minutes of the Bank of England monetary policy committee's August 6-7 meeting; UK retail sales (Aug); UK unemployment (Aug); UK average earnings, unit wage costs (Jul); US housing starts (Aug), Federal Reserve Beige Book.

THURSDAY

Interims: Albright & Wilson, AND International Publishers, British Borneo Petroleum, W Canning, Cape, Dairy Farm International Holdings, Fired Earth, Folkes Group, Geest, Hanover International, Hongkong Land Holdings, Huntleigh Technology, Kwik-Fit Holdings, Alfred McAlpine, Mandarin Oriental International, Wm Morrison Supermarkets, P&O, RMC Group, Servisair, SIG, Steel Burrill Jones Group, Sun Life and Provincial Holdings, Tibbett & Britten, Tilbury Douglas. **Finals:** Gearhouse Group, Magnum Power, Pantheon International Participations. **Economic statistics:** UK provisional M4, final M0 money supply data (Aug); British Bankers Association bank lending (Aug); Building Societies Association building society lending (Aug); CBI monthly industrial trends survey; UK car production (Aug); US trade balance (Jul); US weekly jobless claims.

FRIDAY

Interims: Jardine Matheson Holdings, Jardine Strategic Holdings, Liberty, Charles Taylor Group, Warrants and Value Investment Trust. **Finals:** Allied Leisure, Northamber. **Economic statistics:** none scheduled.

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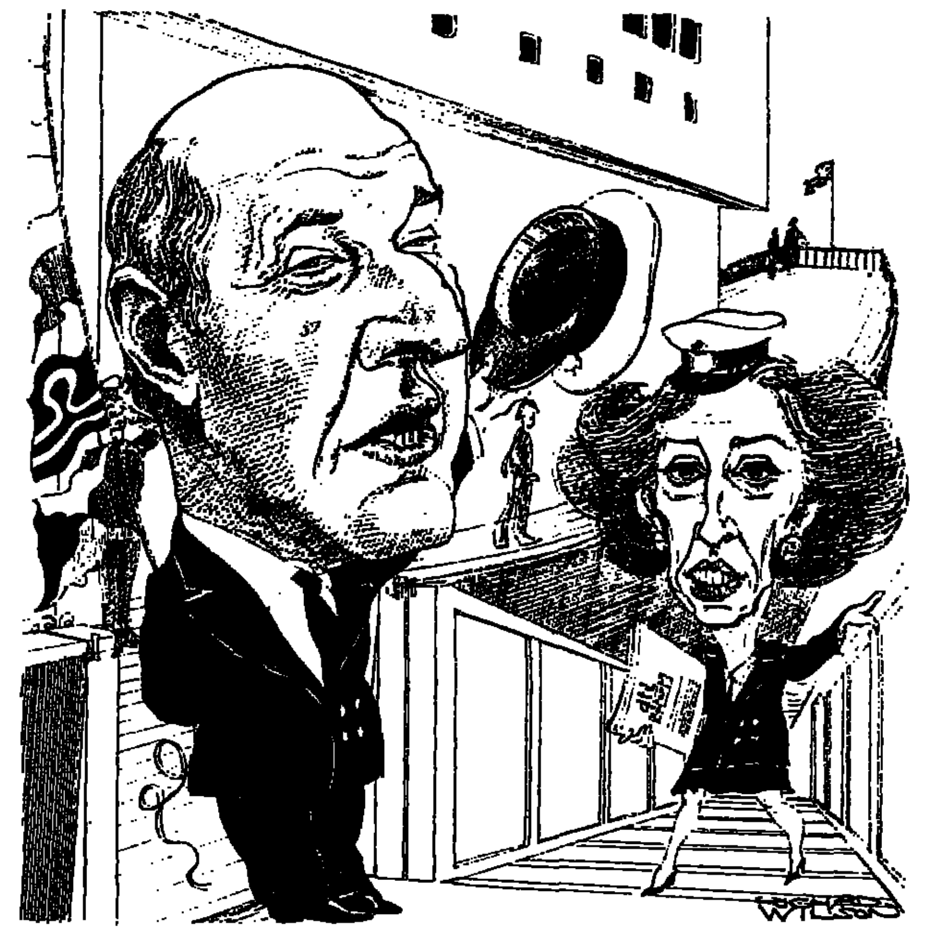
MICHAEL CLARK

City seeks P&O merger news

P&O: The share price was boosted last week by talk that the group is planning to demerge its Bovis housebuilding division. Interim figures on Thursday, should confirm that the group's restructuring programme is under way.

That said, the performance of the group, whose chairman is Lord Sterling of Plaistow, is likely to be unremarkable, with restructuring costs exacting a toll. Pre-tax profits should be virtually static at £130 million, with earnings per share also flat, at 15p. Positive performances should come from cruises, ferries, Australia, construction and housebuilding to offset lower contributions from containers, bulk products and development properties. However, the main interest will be the restructuring, with brokers looking for news on the proposed merger of the ferry operations of P&O and Stena Line, now before the Monopolies and Mergers Commission before a final ruling from Margaret Beckett, President of the Board of Trade. The payout will remain 13.5p.



Lord Sterling awaits a ruling on P&O's Stena ferries merger from Margaret Beckett

TESCO: BZW last week forecast that sales of Britain's biggest food retailer will soar from £14 billion to more than £20 billion over the next five years as its hypermarket expansion intensifies.

Half-year figures tomorrow should confirm that Tesco is clinging on to top slot, with another healthy increase in pre-tax profits envisaged. NatWest Securities, the broker, is forecasting £349 million, up from £321 million for the corresponding period last year, a rise of 9 per cent. Earnings per share are likely to be up from 10.3p to 11.2p.

An increase in like-for-like sales of 5.7 per cent will be largely because of rising inflation and a doubling of Clubcard points on petrol.

Gross margins and operating margins will have stayed flat, and the cost of acquiring ABF Ireland will be included in these figures. The payout is likely to match earnings growth, with a 9 per cent rise from 3.25p to 3.55p forecast.

BG: After last week's losses from Centrica, the City will look for a better performance from this half of the newly demerged group. Second-quarter net profits on Wednesday are expected to come in at £64 million, against £63 million last time, with earnings per share unmoved at 1.4p. That stretches the underlying surplus for the first six months to £482 million. The windfall levy of £514 million will result in write-offs and there may be further provisions of £100 million for restructuring. That could see the group eventually turn in a deficit of £30 million to £40 million.

Transco has already announced further job losses and the board's main aim will be to make its assets sweat and to return value to shareholders.

Attention will be on the dividend, expected to be rebased after the demerger. The enlarged group paid 14.5p last year. That is likely to be cut to 8p, with the interim payout falling from 6.4p to 3.2p.

DALGETY: Two profit warnings and a dividend cut this year suggest dismal full-year figures today. Pre-tax profits are expected to fall from £101.9 million to £61 million, with earnings per share almost halved to 13.7p. There are likely to be exceptional charges of up to £140 million relating to asset writedowns and restructuring of the petfood operation. Production difficulties, loss of share in a declining animal-feed market and a high pricing policy have made it a miserable year for the group. The payout will shrink from 22p to 14.5p.

KINGFISHER: At first sight, interim figures from the retailer on Wednesday should show a strong performance. Brokers forecast pre-tax profits up from £110.7 million to between £135 million and £140 million, with earnings per share up about 20 per cent to 14p. The Woolworth, Comet, Superdrug and B&Q group will have benefited from building society windfalls, and performance will compare favourably with its weak first quarter. B&Q's operating profits are set to grow from £47 million to £60 million. However, there are problems in France, where currency translations will take the shine off Darty's performance. The dividend is expected to rise from 5p to 5.5p.

NEXT: The group continues to go from strength to strength, as half-year figures due on Wednesday, will confirm. Extra space and the continuing expansion of the Next Directory will underpin an impressive performance. Pre-tax profits are expected to come in at £68 million, up from £56 million last time, with earnings per share up by 20 per cent, from 10.9p to 13.1p. In May, the group confirmed that sales in its first 14 weeks had grown strongly in both Retail and the Directory. Overall sales are expected to be up by 24 per cent, with the gross margin maintained and costs reduced. The payout is likely to be up from 5p to 5.5p.

RMC GROUP: The tide seems to have turned, with a much better performance expected in half-year figures on Thursday. Results from its two main markets, Britain and Germany, should show distinct improvement on last year's depressed levels and help to lift pre-tax profits from £95.8 million to £110 million. Increased volumes of ready-mixed concrete and a 3 per cent price rise in March will boost domestic profits. In Germany, improved efficiency will go some way to offset a stronger pound. Earnings should rise 10 per cent, to 24.4p. The payout is likely to be 8p, against 7.8p last time.

HAYS: A strong performance from its personnel division should underpin a useful rise in full-year figures tomorrow. Pre-tax profits are set to come in at £153.3 million, against £132 million last time, with earnings per share up 15 per cent, to 25.7p. Organic growth on the personnel side is expected to be almost 40 per cent, mainly from increased revenue and improved margins. Distribution will have struggled and declining margins will have plagued the commercial operation. The payout should rise from 8.1p to 9.3p.

INCHCAPE: The sale of non-core operations will result in lower half-year figures today. However, there should be further evidence of recovery. Pre-tax profits of £73.8 million are forecast, against £82.8 million last time. Earnings per share should be down about 18 per cent, but the dividend is likely to rise from 4.2p to 4.5p.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Focus on why tigers burn less brightly

It is pure coincidence that the world's finance ministers are heading to South-East Asia this week for a series of meetings which culminates with the IMF annual get-together in Hong Kong next weekend. But inevitably the region's current economic problems will top the agenda.

Earlier in the week, Gordon Brown will be flagging new debt relief measures at the Commonwealth finance ministers' meeting in Mauritius, while European leaders will try to sell the euro to the East at the first meeting of the European and Asian finance ministers' group in Bangkok.

Back in the UK, Wednesday's double dose of data will provide a strong clue as to whether the Bank of England's decision not to raise rates this month is merely a brief lull or represents a more fundamental shift in policy. The August retail sales figures are expected to be comparatively subdued. MMS International, the economics forecaster, predicts a monthly fall in sales of 0.3 per cent, sending the annual rate of growth down to 4.8 per cent from 6.5 per cent in July.

Unemployment, however, is expected to fall again in August at the more modest rate of 15,000 compared with 50,000 in July. MMS predicts annual growth in average earnings to rise from 4.25 per cent to 4.5 per cent.

The publication on Tuesday of the minutes to August's monetary policy committee meeting will also throw some light on the future outlook for rates.

The PSBR figures on Tuesday are expected to show the Government on course to undershoot its £11 billion target. MMS predicts borrowing of £1.7 billlion, well below last year. The CBI industrial trends survey is on Thursday. On Friday the measure of broad money supply, M4, is forecast to rise from an annual rate of growth of 11.8 per cent to 12.2 per cent.

In the US, the main focus will be the consumer price inflation figures on Tuesday. The monthly rate is forecast to rise from 0.2 per cent to 0.3 per cent.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** Wates, Kier, Lincat. **Sell** William Ransom. *The Sunday Telegraph:* **Buy** Redrow, MICE, CNC Properties. **Sell** GEC, Eurodisney, Kingfisher. *The Observer:* **Sell** United Biscuits, British Energy. *The Express on Sunday:* **Buy** Psion, Schroders.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6083 (+0.0225)
German mark
2.8467 (-0.0188)
Exchange index
100.1 (-0.1)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
3133.6 (-50.9)
FTSE 100
4848.2 (-146.0)
New York Dow Jones
7742.97 (-79.44)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
17965.80 (-684.37)

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.32	2.14
Austria Sch	21.13	19.47
Belgium Fr	62.24	57.28
Canada $	2.354	2.156
Cyprus Cyp£ .	0.889	0.818
Denmark Kr ...	11.48	10.59
Finland Mkk ...	9.12	8.37
France Fr	10.09	9.31
Germany Dm .	3.02	2.78
Greece Dr	476	437
Hong Kong $	13.23	12.03
Iceland	128	108
Ireland Pt	1.12	1.03
Israel Shk	5.93	5.28
Italy Lira	2970	2733
Japan Yen	209.73	192.20
Malta	0.665	0.606
Netherlds Gld	3.413	3.118
New Zealand $	2.68	2.44
Norway Kr	12.38	11.44
Portugal Esc ..	303.03	281.00
S Africa Rd	8.23	7.27
Spain Pta	252.79	234.00
Sweden Kr	13.17	12.07
Switzerland Fr	2.52	2.30
Turkey Lira	281578	261700
USA $	1.707	1.564

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WORD-WATCHING

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AUTOCOID
(c) A drug produced by the organs of internal secretion. *Daily Express:* **"There are chemical substances of a drug-like character, distributed by the circulation of the blood, to act where they are needed upon various organs or tissues. They are best referred to as autocoids. Amongst the best known substances are adrenaline, thyroxin and insulin."**
DIRAC
(b) Various attempts were made in the early Twenties to obtain more precise agreement between the experimental observation and the theoretical prediction of atomic spectral emissions. Schrodinger's attempts in 1926 were unsuccessful but Dirac, with a mathematical description of the electron in 1928, not only solved the problem but led to a profound review of the nature of matter. Dirac is among a handful of men in the early 20th century whose capacity for abstract and original thought spawned a revolution in the world of physics.
APLUSTRE
(b) The curved and ornamental stern of an ancient Greek or Roman ship. Addison, *Italy,* **1705: "The one holds a sword in her hand to represent the** *Iliad* **as the other has an aplustre to represent the** *Odyssey* **or voyages of Ulysses."**
BARBAROSSA
(b) The code name for Germany's invasion of Russia on 21 June 1941. After initial devastating success, it ground to a halt and was finally repulsed. Various reasons for the failure: the difficulty of the terrain and inadequate roads; General Winter; Russian tanks operated on diesel (German ran on petrol) so that captured stocks were useless: most of all by Hitler's diversion of the main thrust away from Moscow towards oilfields in the south. It has been argued that if Germany had gone in as liberators, especially in the south, things might have turned out differently. One general, von Kleist, demonstrated this. Discuss.

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Bonus Builder (Annually)††			
£100,000+	6.75%	–	5.40%
£50,000	6.25%	–	5.00%
£20,000	6.00%	–	4.80%
£10,000	5.50%	–	4.40%
£5,000	5.00%	–	4.00%
Bonus Builder (Monthly)††			
£100,000+	6.55%	–	5.24%
£50,000	6.10%	–	4.88%
£20,000	5.85%	–	4.68%
£10,000	5.35%	–	4.28%
£5,000	4.90%	–	3.92%
High Interest Account (Annually)			
£100,000+	6.00%	–	4.80%
£50,000	5.50%	–	4.40%
£20,000	5.25%	–	4.20%
£10,000	4.75%	–	3.80%
£5,000	4.25%	–	3.40%
Monthly Income Account			
£100,000+	5.80%	5.96%	4.64%
£50,000	5.35%	5.48%	4.28%
£20,000	5.10%	5.22%	4.08%
£10,000	4.65%	4.75%	3.72%
£5,000	4.15%	4.23%	3.32%
£2,500	3.50%	3.56%	2.80%
Flexible Savings Account (Annually)			
£20,000+	4.00%	-	3.20%
£10,000	3.50%	-	2.80%
£5,000	3.25%	-	2.60%
£2,500	3.00%	-	2.40%
£500•	2.50%	-	2.00%
£250	0.35%	-	0.28%
Instant Access (Annually)			
£20,000+	4.00%	-	3.20%
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£5,000	3.25%	-	2.60%
£2,500	3.00%	-	2.40%
£500	2.50%	-	2.00%
£250	0.35%	-	0.28%
£100	0.10%	-	0.08%
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Fall in unemployment need not lead to wage inflation

ROGER BOOTLE

While in Opposition, Labour spokesmen regularly berated the Conservatives for the appalling level of unemployment. Now they are in government they can rejoice in sharp falls in the jobless total. On recent form they will again be able to sing the praises of Britain's flexible labour markets on Wednesday, when the latest unemployment figures are published.

The consensus view is that the unemployment rate is already dangerously low and threatens the emergence of accelerating wage inflation. But in economics you have to learn to beware the consensus. It is not so long ago that fashionable opinion regarded double-digit unemployment rates as an inescapable feature of the modern world. There simply weren't enough jobs to go round. And as technological change and the forces of globalisation and downsizing took hold, there would be even fewer.

Among British economists this thinking is thankfully dead, but it is still alive and well in Paris, where the Socialist Government talks about penalising workers who put in "too many" hours, and sharing out the supposedly limited amount of work as fairly as possible.

You do not have to be John Maynard Keynes to find this view distinctly odd. People have been displaced by machines for many a long year now yet new jobs have always sprung up to take the place of the old. Why should it be any different now? Moreover, it is surely strange that something so obviously wealth-creating as the remarkable contemporary developments in technology should be regarded as leading to such negative results.

In the two Anglo-Saxon economies that have experienced wrenching change, unemployment is down to levels which seemed unimaginable even a short time ago. In the UK the rate is down to 5.5 per cent, while in the US it is below 5 per cent. Yet there is still no sign of accelerating wage inflation in either country.

The links between the level of unemployment and the rate of inflation were always more flexible than was commonly supposed. Economists recognised two sorts of unemployment. The first was structural and arose from the ebb and flow of supply and demand in different sectors of the economy. This was an unfortunate necessity.

But the second was intentional. The idea was that the higher the level of unemployment, the greater would be the degree of competition in the jobs market. Once the unemployment rate fell "too low" wages would be bid up and inflation would ensue. So unemployment was the price that had to be paid to keep inflation down. In the early Eighties, it seemed that this price was extraordinarily high as unemployment soared to levels not seen since the Thirties, while inflation was still at too high a level.

Yet much of the unemployment of the early Eighties was structural. It arose from the collapse of large numbers of manufacturing companies and the sharp job-loss programmes of those that remained. Many of those made unemployed by this experience failed to compete in the labour market at all. They lived in the wrong place, with the wrong skills, or no skills at all. As such, not only did they not produce anything but they failed even to fulfil the role ascribed to them by economic theory. Their unemployment served no economic purpose whatsoever.

To get these people off the unemployment register, what was required was not so much economic recovery as a social and economic revolution — the development of a thriving service sector and the employee attitudes to match. Many middle-aged men would never make this transition. So reducing the unemployment rate would mean a slow grind as these people grew older and passed out of the workforce, leaving their young equivalents to take jobs in the service sector. This adjustment is far from complete but it is well under way. So the level of structural unemployment has fallen and will probably fall still further.

Meanwhile, the degree of unemployment needed to keep in check workers' natural ambitions for more money has also fallen. In this country it is common to ascribe this to the collapse of trade union militancy following the legal changes imposed in the Thatcher years. But far-reaching though the influence of Margaret Thatcher as Prime Minister was, it is difficult to see her as responsible for the collapse of labour militancy more or less everywhere in the world. Rather, rapid technological change, increased competition and globalisation have weakened the power of labour. The result is that unemployment can now fall to low levels without triggering an acceleration of wage inflation.

Should we be surprised? The sustainable level of unemployment is one aspect of the efficiency of an economy. In both Britain and America, businesses have become much more efficient. Stock levels are pared to a minimum. Capital equipment is utilised to its maximum. Thanks to rapid communications, surpluses in one area shift to meet shortages in another. Unemployment represents the stock of unused labour. Wouldn't it be odd if the increased efficiency of our economies did not affect this also?

What is the limit? In the quarter century after 1950 Britain's unemployment rate averaged less than 2 per cent. At the time this was regarded as normal. When it rose above 5 per cent in 1975 this was widely regarded as a disaster. Ten years later, when the unemployment rate was in double figures, this former nightmare level was seen as an impossible dream. Double-digit unemployment was then thought to be the norm.

There is nothing sacrosanct about 5.5 per cent unemployment. The rate could fall a lot further. As for our friends across the Channel, at some stage the penny — if not the franc — will drop.

China seeks the limelight as IMF circus rolls into Hong Kong

Janet Bush on the issues that will engross this week's round of economic gatherings

China long campaigned for Hong Kong to play host to the 1997 annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, hoping that its newly minted economic reforms would attract the approval of the world.

Only last week, China set the stage when its 15th Communist Party congress unveiled plans for a mass sell-off of state enterprises — the biggest privatisation programme the world has seen. Tomorrow, the World Bank report, *China 2020*, will highlight the People's Republic's economic coming of age.

But, as any political spin-doctor knows, the most careful planning cannot anticipate sudden turns of event. The crisis in East Asian markets is destined to dominate this week's international meetings, ensuring that the world's glare falls on the region at one of the most uncomfortable junctures in its history.

A packed week of international meetings and a meaty international crisis also ensures a steep learning curve for our new Chancellor. Treasury officials report an unprecedented number of requests for bilateral meetings from fellow finance ministers, keen not only to meet the first British Labour Chancellor for nearly 20 years but to hear at first-hand his account of an action-packed first 100 days.

Brown: in demand

Gordon Brown emerges from the rigours of European policy and euro currency conversion rates in Luxembourg at the weekend to travel to Mauritius for his first meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers tomorrow and Wednesday. There he will try to reinforce international momentum towards debt relief.

He then moves to Bangkok on Thursday and Friday for the first meeting of ASEM, a grouping of Asian and European finance ministers set up to compete with America's monopoly on strategic networking with the Far East. Europe wanted to express its long-term interests in Asia and vice versa. Inevitably, discussion will be dominated by the collapse of Asian stock markets, the IMF's Thailand rescue package and the implications of abandoning currency pegs all over the region.

Ministers will be asking whether the international community could have headed off the collapse and where the next crisis might blow up. They will emphasise the importance of well-regulated financial sectors and good political governance, and, in particular, developing greater transparency.

The debates will continue with added ferocity in Hong Kong, in the forum of the Group of Seven industrialised nations (G7) on Saturday, and within the IMF and World Bank meetings. Inevitably, the weak state of the Japanese economy will come under scrutiny in G7 after last week's announcement of the worst quarterly growth figures for 23 years.

Japanese economic torpor and increasing competitive pressures from a reformist China are both significant challenges to the future performance of the Asian tiger economies. The Asian miracle will never have received such critical scrutiny.

But the IMF and World Bank meetings will also try to carry on their normal business. There will be much discussion of debt relief, of the financial position of the Fund, still the world's crisis lender, with impending debates on quotas and a new SDR allocation, and of the progress — or otherwise — of developing countries.

The World Bank is predicting an unprecedented boost in the prominence of developing countries over the next quarter of a century. The "big five" — Brazil, China, India, Indonesia and Russia — currently have a share of world trade barely a third of that enjoyed by the European Union. By 2020, the Bank believes that this could surge to 50 per cent higher than that of the EU.

The astonishing implications of the emergence of new manufacturing, trading and consuming superpowers will increasingly capture the imagination and challenge policymakers.

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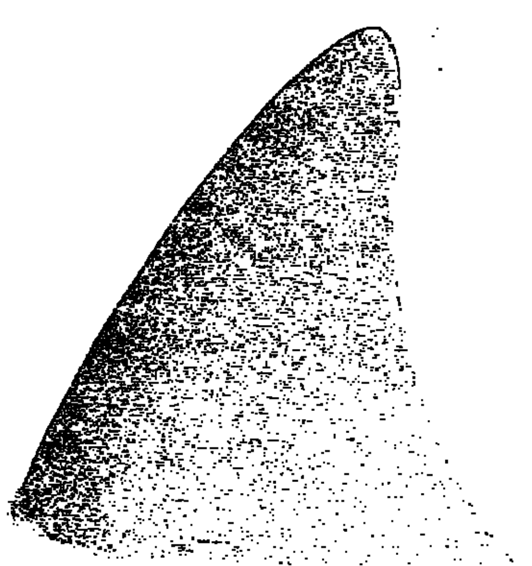

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Scottish pensions could benefit from devolution

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

SCOTS may lose out because of higher taxes after last week's devolution vote, but will gain through better pensions, it has emerged.

Businesses face a £50 million bill and an extra administrative headache after Scotland's vote for its own parliament with tax-raising powers. But nearly 400,000 Scots will get improved pensions if the new assembly does decide to flex its fiscal powers, with the Scottish parliament able to raise or lower basic income tax by 3 per cent.

Any adjustment by the assembly, however, will automatically increase the wages bill of the 20,000 companies with operations north and south of the border. They will have to set up two PAYE systems to reflect the different tax treatment of their workers. The Inland Revenue has estimated that employers will incur costs of £50 million in upgrading PAYE systems.

Pensions companies could suffer twice over. They will have to adapt their systems to enable them to differentiate between pensioners in Scotland from the rest of the UK. The Association of British Insurers said on Friday that it is looking at the implications of the "yes, yes" vote.

Although opponents of devolution made much of the powers to increase the Scottish voters' tax bills, an increase in taxation will actually give many Scots better pensions. This is because people paying into pension plans get the benefit of tax relief on contributions. If Scotland raises the basic level of income tax by 3p, basic rate payers in Scotland will be able to reclaim 26p from the tax man for every £1 they put into a pension, compared to 23p in England.

Alasdair Buchanan, marketing consultant at Scottish Life, said: "This effect would more than offset the increase in taxation Scots pensioners would have to pay at retirement."

Independent to cut 40 jobs in relaunch

The Independent, the troubled national newspaper controlled by Mirror Group and by Tony O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers, is to relaunch tomorrow with a multimillion-pound marketing campaign, a higher cover price and widescale redundancies (Raymond Snoddy writes).

The weekday cover price is expected to rise by 5p to 45p before the end of the month. The relaunch will be combined with another restructuring that will largely pay for the relaunch. Forty jobs are expected to go over the next six months, with a smaller number of page editors replacing sub-editors to streamline the production process.

Losses have been coming down sharply and the daily and Sunday papers are expected to break into operating profit in the second half of next year.

Insurance claims pending after the IRA bombing in Manchester mean negotiations for the Arndale Centre are complex

CSC in talks to buy £300m Arndale Centre

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

CAPITAL SHOPPING CENTRES, owner of the Lakeside mall in Thurrock, Essex, and MetroCentre in Gateshead, is in talks with P&O to buy the bomb-damaged Arndale Centre in Manchester for about £300 million.

Negotiations are complex because of the involvement of the local authority as freeholder and because there are big insurance claims pending after last year's IRA bombing. It is therefore thought unlikely that P&O will be in a position to announce the deal at the time of its interim results on Thursday.

P&O is talking exclusively to CSC, although Chelsfield, the property company led by Elliott Bernerd, and Prudential, one of Britain's largest property investors, are also thought to be interested. The Arndale acquisition would be Britain's biggest property deal since 1995, when CSC bought Gateshead's MetroCentre for £325 million.

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Advertising target for Chime

Chime Communications, the public relations group headed by Sir Tim Bell, is in talks to buy Howell Henry Chaldecott Lury, the advertising agency famous for its work on Tango and Martini among others, for an estimated £20 million. The deal, if agreed, will double the size of Chime and bring Sir Tim back into the advertising world, which he left in 1985 after resigning from Saatchi & Saatchi.

Sir Tim would not comment at the weekend, but it is well known that Chime has been looking for a substantial acquisition to diversify the business away from its core of PR. The group has been in talks with a number of groups but strongly denied suggestions that Sir Tim might tie up again with his former business associates, Lord Saatchi and his brother Charles, by buying their two-year-old operation, M&C Saatchi.

GE Capital's Stalwart stake

GE Capital, the US conglomerate, will today announce the purchase of a 60 per cent controlling stake in Stalwart Group, the UK insurance company that sells home income plans to elderly people. The schemes allow elderly homeowners to exchange their property freeholds for rent-free accommodation and annuity income. GE Capital bought the stake in Stalwart from European Acquisition Capital, the UK venture capital fund. The deal will value Stalwart at about £43 million, more than triple its value three years ago when EAC bought the company.

World energy expansion

World energy is poised for a £2 trillion expansion by 2020 according to PowerGen, the UK generator, which forecasts that energy demand will double by that date. In a report published today, PowerGen predicts that the jump in energy demand will increase the drive towards privatisation and deregulation as governments look to private cash to boost energy development. The report, coinciding with the opening of the World Economic Development Congress, expects a growth in independent projects built, financed and operated by international consortia.

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

1997 High	Low	Mkt cap (million)		Price pence	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
139½	100½	14.30	AFA Systems	119½			...
153½	131½	19.80	AMCO Corp	138½		6.0	6.9
422½	170	48.70	AND Intl Pub	222½	- 5		
127½	84½	8.24	Abacus Recruit	126½	- 1	1.5	..
195	99½	28.20	Access Plus	170	- 1	3.9	19.3
89¼	5¼	3.91	Active Imaging	9½	- ½		
230	200	30.30	A de Gruchy	205	- 5	4.3	11.4
11¼	7¼	8.23	African Gold	8			32.3
117½	72½	34.40	Airtech	75½			..
44½	31¼	14.60	Albemarle & Bd	38½	+ 5	1.6	
52½	29	5.45	Alizyme	31½	..		
111½	73½	2.40	Anglo-Welsh	77½		...	
610	455	58.60	Ann St Brewery	610	+ 5	4.2	12.3
1235	1015	7.30	Ann St Cv Pf	1232½	+ 2½	6.5	
129½	65½	67.00	Antonov	87½	- 2½		
148½	99½	20.60	Aortech	119½			
100½	90	9.18	Archer Dedicated	90		2.2	42.8
36½	7	6.40	Arion Props	27	- 2	...	...
115	30	34.60	Ashurst	40	..		
262½	130	45.80	Ask Central	220		0.3	50.2
69½	64½	1.22	Athelney Trust	67½		1.9	58.4
103½	69½	53.60	Avalon Oil	70½	- 1		
144½	130½	40.90	BATM Adv Comms	131½	- ½	2.4	
3¾	3½	2.57	Bakery Services	3½	...	...	19.1
59½	25	5.50	Barbican Health	28½		..	...
12½	6½	32.80	Barrasford	12¼		...	...
3¼	2	3.78	Beechcroft	2		...	7.7
4½	2½	6.77	Beaufort	3½	- ¼	2.4	19.4
44½	36½	5.58	Bickerton	36½	...	..	15.0
90	60	1.26	Billam	79	...	8.4	47.4
76½	53½	4.81	Bilston Bttrsea	54	- 1	3.5	14.4
64	33½	26.00	Birmingham City	52	+ 3½		
80½	70½	7.54	Blakes Cloth	75½	- 2	2.4	8.2
205	145	1.44	Bowness Leis	205		3.1	7.6
62½	39½	8.75	Brancote Hldgs	50	+ 2½	...	...
95	85	3.74	Br Bloodstock	89		2.8	10.8
200	144½	20.40	CA Coutts Hldgs	192½	+ 1	2.0	15.3
180	128½	10.80	C & B Publishing	150	..	...	13.8
109½	109½	0.12	CCI Founder Shs	109½	...		...
190½	140½	1.35	CCI Hldgs	168½		1.9	8.5
215	170	8.82	Cafe Inns	180	- 2½	2.1	16.9
70	55	8.00	Caledonian Tst	65		...	11.1
3¾	3	3.43	Calidore Group	3¼	...	..	..
1½	0½	2.40	Calidore Grp Wts	1½	..	..	..
17½	9	2.44	Cambridge Min Res	11¼	- ¼	..	...
51	29	38.80	Card Clear	42	..		41.6
97½	52½	5.50	Carisbrooke Shp	54½	...	8.0	5.1
62	45	2.48	Cassidy Bros	45		8.3	51.5
57½	42½	1.91	Cavendish W	43½		4.6	22.3
18	12¼	4.09	Celebrated Group	12¼	- ¼	3.0	..
£550	£275	94.50	Celtic	£315	+1000	...	19.8
£450	£255	49.00	Celtic Pf Shs	£265	+1000	1.4	
112½	96½	24.60	Cf Comms(TV)	112½	+ 1	3.4	..
65	49½	10.90	Charlton Ath	50	...	...	..
9	6¼	8.00	Charterhouse	8	- ¼		16.7
37½	12½	1.44	Charwell Intl	12½	..	...	...
170	101½	171.30	Chelsea Village	109½	- 2	...	...
265	145	13.00	Chemical Design	200	..		28.4
109½	92½	31.80	Citadel	96½			
110	105	0.94	Clan Homes	105	...	..	27.9
4½	2½	1.69	ClubPartners	4			...
152½	132½	16.50	Comino	150	..	1.9	13.8
587½	527½	13.50	Com de Pit Fin	562½	- 10	2.2	
30	14	9.46	Concurrent Tech	19½	..	0.6	30.8
150	95	0.25	Conc Tech A Pf	100	...	...	...
150	95	0.20	Conc Tech B Pf	100	..	..	
200	125	1.01	Conc Tech Rd Pf	150	..		
300	150	0.17	Conc Tech Cv Pf	225			
41	31½	8.84	Consise Tst	40		6.3	9.9
4½	2	7.02	Corporate Exec	4½	+ 1½		..
230	153½	42.40	Country Gdns	215	- 6	0.9	15.4
175	117½	4.74	Cntry Gdns Pf	155		8.1	..
37½	6½	4.49	Creos Intl	12½	..		
290	305	3.88	Crown Eye	242½	+ 11	6.4	20.1
28½	2¾	1.76	Crown Products	3¾	+ ½	..	9.4
22½	18½	1.03	Dalkeith Inns	21½	- ¾		
137½	84½	7.29	David Glass	135		5.6	13.4
264½	120½	9.53	Dawn Til Dusk	257½	- 5	0.7	19.1
262½	180	121.90	Dawson Hldgs	215		2.8	20.7
17½	10½	7.18	Dean Corp	15½	+ ¾	4.8	7.5
174½	167½	10.60	Deep Sea Leisure	167½			41.3
3¼	2	3.88	Deskmaster	3	+ ¾	3.8	
460	340	44.20	Dicom	343	- 2	0.6	14.1
105½	89½	14.20	Digital Anmtn	96½		..	..
101½	74½	8.48	Delyn Group	97½	..	2.6	47.1
72½	39½	7.43	Dimatek	39½			
310	240	12.20	Dobbies Garden	254		2.2	14.8
148½	122½	12.80	Dragons Health	127½			24.1
3¼	2	2.08	Drings of Bath	2¾	+ ½		25.5
42½	30	3.43	Eagle	35			
84	49½	14.50	Easynet	70½	+ 3		
445	207½	89.70	Elec Retail Sys	425	+ 5	..	
60½	27½	28.40	Electrophoretics	36½	+ 5	..	...
52½	7½	3.26	Epic Multimedia	14	- 1		
65	45	11.60	Epicore Ntwks	45			
275	110	4.25	Eurasia Mining	115			
27	23	1.88	European Mining Fin	23			..
2½	2½	0.03	European Mng Fin Wts	2½			..
125	125	5.62	Euro Sales Fn	125			..
3¾	3½	4.61	Fairplace Cons	3¾			
350	140	4.42	Farlake	170	...		13.2
77½	47½	7.40	Fayrewood	52½	...	1.9	
191½	114	45.90	Fibernet	123½	- 1½	..	..
69½	34½	1.73	Fieldens	34½	- ½	..	
242½	205	6.51	Find Pubs	232½			8.1
14½	4½	1.12	First Infor	5½			...
200	109½	42.80	Fitness First	155½	+ 1	..	56.0
230	110	2.99	Flomerics	115		3.3	56.3
292½	127½	4.03	Floral St	130	- 42½	1.4	8.6
32½	22½	4.72	FNR Hldgs	22½	- 2	..	..
152½	115¼	12.60	Formscan	118½	..	3.4	11.9
114½	89½	9.99	Fountain Forestry	111		3.1	15.8
51¼	33¾	182.10	Freepages	37	- ¼		..
180½	140½	10.60	Furlong Homes	177	+ 1½	3.0	9.2
164½	75½	8.60	Future Int Telep	77½	+ 2		
296	129½	12.00	GB Railways	136½	- 1		..
65	52½	6.91	GR Hldgs	52½			41.6
55½	50½	16.30	Gall Thomson Env	52½	..	3.0	11.2
16¼	11½	43.10	Gander Hldgs	14¾	- ¼	...	
124½	82½	90.50	Gartland W&B	104	- 1	0.4	4.9
102	54½	89.50	Geo Int Media	89½	+ 3		
33½	12	34.00	Gold Mines Sard	26¼		...	..
35	7	9.64	Gold Mns Sard Wts	18	- 1		
127½	110½	63.30	Goshawk Insce	110½			
3½	2¾	2.75	Grosmont Hldgs	2¾			
1¼	0½	1.50	Grosmont Hldgs Wts	1¼			
15¼	11¼	1.59	Grosvenor Ltd	13		..	..
163	140	36.50	Gulton	161½		3.6	11.9
8	5¾	2.78	Hansom	7¼	+ ¼	..	
175	150	10.90	Hardy Undwtg	150		1.7	24.5
80½	54½	3.32	Hat Pin	75½		4.5	12.1
325	275	6.83	Heavitree	325		2.7	15.1
275	245	11.60	Heavitree A	275		3.2	12.8
135	90½	5.43	Helicon Pub	92½	+ 2	..	
262	110	16.00	Hercules Prop	250½		1.2	
175	105	10.70	Highams Sys	130			16.7
127½	120½	9.95	Highland Timber	120½			
75	65	1.06	Hurlingham	66½			
107½	81½	5.66	Hydro-Dynamic	84½	+ 2	5.3	
172½	57	14.30	IES	82½	- 6	1.8	
135½	134½	6.47	I S Solutions	135½			45.8
89½	66½	20.80	Ind Brit Health	77		1.6	16.5
130½	55½	17.20	Indpt Energy	114½	- 5½		
133½	81½	14.60	Indpt Radio	81½	- 2	..	...
203½	141½	45.10	Infobank Intl	180½	+ ½		
74½	42½	14.50	Inner Workings	74½			
125	102½	3.25	Integrd As Mgt	125			...
82½	25½	6.38	Intelligent Env	28½	- 1½		
110	42½	27.30	Internet Tech	89	+ 1	..	
151½	35½	15.50	Interoute Tele	46½	- 1	...	
362½	222½	47.20	Intl Greetings	357½	- 2½	2.3	13.8
179½	59½	23.40	IOC Intl	95½	+ 14		31.2
164½	150½	6.71	ITG Group	152½			26.8
155½	72½	6.38	Jardinere Ints	72½	..		
131½	62½	5.33	Jasmin	130	+ 3½	..	10.9
347	290	25.00	Jennings Bros	338	- 2	2.8	22.2
4¼	3	4.84	J Lewis Hlord	3½			16.9
62½	42½	7.05	Jardec	43½	- 1		
5¼	2	4.63	Just Group	2½	..	..	22.1
132½	91½	49.20	KS Biomedix	116	- ½		...
50½	47½	5.46	Kern River	47½			
176½	172½	17.10	Kingfisher Ls	176½	+ 1	1.4	14.7
130½	120	5.14	Lady in Leisure	122½	...	..	
98	92½	4.23	Landround	95	+ 2½	4.3	16.7
132½	30½	10.90	La Senza	32½	- 32½		
150	85	17.90	Enterprises	96	- 12½	5.7	
390	340	26.90	Lawrence	390	...	2.5	16.3
3550	3150	67.50	Lawrie Group	3550		2.6	11.8
92½	76½	6.80	Lepco	91½	+ 9		36.0
455	326	75.50	Le Riches Strs	455	+ 5½	5.5	17.5
14	9	0.46	Life Numbers	9¼	...		..
4	2	0.06	Life Numbrs Wts	2			...
535	480	10.30	Loades	515	..	0.2	20.5
106½	40½	16.60	Loftus Road	41½	- 4	..	...
12¾	4¾	1.45	Lon & Edin Publ	4¾	...		21.0
75	65	1.62	London Town	65	..	3.1	12.7
119½	112½	3.81	Longbridge Intl	115½	..	...	16.1
87½	34½	8.00	Look	34½		..	...
3¼	1¼	3.03	Lotteryking	1¾	+ ¼	..	59.5
1	0½	0.09	Lotteryking Wts	0½	...		..
88	50	6.05	MMS Petroleum	50	- 3½	..	..
27½	8½	6.37	Magnum Power	10	+ ½		..
290½	239½	35.90	Majestic Wine	282½	+ 8	1.5	24.0
19½	9	6.75	Marx & O'seas	11¼	- ¾	3.6	62.2
125	105	2.65	Matrix Hlthcare	115	...	6.5	18.5
13¼	10¼	4.64	Mears Group	12½	..	3.0	11.5
21	13½	31.80	Medisys	19	+ 5½	..	...
98½	75	51.00	Megalomedia	83	..	0.3	41.9
93½	70	0.81	Megalomedia Wts	73½	...	...	..
67½	39½	2.80	Mallett	40	...	7.8	29.5
65	22½	26.10	Memory Corp	41	+ 5½	...	..
165	45	3.19	Meteor Tech	45	- 1½	..	..
75	28½	2.90	Meteor Tech Wts	30			...
60	46	5.10	Methven's	60	+ 6		..
25	13	3.20	Metrodome	13			73.0
84½	57½	4.73	Mondas	77½		..	..
350	200	30.20	Moorepay	280	...	2.0	33.1
125	88½	9.50	Mountcashel	125		..	...
215	136½	38.30	Mulberry Group	136½	- 5	1.4	23.4
40	2	0.86	MultiMedia	3	..	...	...
21	16	1.26	NECA	17	..	5.6	8.5
54½	44½	19.60	NMT	50		...	..
72½	62½	1.31	NRP	62½	+ 1¼	2.5	26.6
285	185	14.20	NWF Grp	185	...	5.4	10.8
230	190	13.30	Nash (Wm)	190	...	5.0	6.7
300	260	7.28	Neill Clerk	260	- 10	3.8	9.4
85½	45½	10.60	Netcall	70	- ½	...	...
80½	75	1.52	Norhomes	80	...		24.8
50½	29½	6.66	Nthn Petlm	36	...	...	
47½	28½	2.87	Northstar Sec	45½	+ 7	...	..
20	3	0.40	Northstar Sec Wts	20	+ 5½		
123	112½	48.80	Nursing Home	123	+ ½	5.8	20.0
10½	1½	0.55	Omnimedia	2¼	...	..	
97½	47½	1.70	On Line	51½	...		
65½	34½	19.70	Oxford Biomedica	34½	...		
3¾	1½	22.70	Pacific Media	1¾	...	...	..
69½	25	18.40	Pan Andean Res	43½	- 1	..	...
245	220	5.76	Park Ests(Liv)	240	..	4.7	23.2
23¾	13	8.38	Pembertons	17½	..		
57½	29	6.28	Personal No Co	40½			..
123½	38½	29.60	Petra Diamonds	101½	- 12		..
94	13½	1.21	Petra Dmnds Wt	72½	- 6	..	
137½	26½	11.30	Philippine Gd	26½	- 3½		...
70½	52½	12.40	Pital Tech	57½		...	12.5
138½	97½	26.30	Polymasc Pharms	131½	+ 15		...
2¾	1¼	4.37	Pordum Foods	2	...	..	59.9
1½	1	0.22	Pordum Fds Wts	1	..	..	...
22	13	8.88	Premier Asset Mgt	14¼	- ¼	...	50.2
3	2¼	3.46	Presbury Leis	2¾		14.5	11.1
590	530	10.60	Preston Nth E	530	- 10	..	...
104½	102½	16.40	Primary Hlth Pr	102½		1.5	..
590	280	72.20	Prism Rail	286½			...
64½	56½	9.15	Pycraft & Arnold	58½	+ ½		9.4
127½	109½	18.30	Q Group	109½	- 4		..
1265	945	343.50	Ramco Egy	1137½	- 27½	0.1	
110½	77½	15.60	Raphael Zm	105½	..	2.4	9.5
127½	87½	15.00	Recycling Servs	92½	..	4.3	...
125	73½	11.20	Reflec	90½	- 1	...	...
7¼	4¼	5.34	Revelation Pic	5¾	+ ½	1.7	7.8
45	17½	21.70	Riceman Insce	33	- ¾	...	37.0
99½	74½	5.07	Romtec	97½	..	1.9	20.9
2¼	1	1.92	Rushmere Wynne	1¼		..	..
1¼	0¾	0.07	Rush Wyn Wts	0¾	...		...
120½	105½	7.81	SBS	110	- ½	2.7	19.4
182½	152½	19.50	SCi Ent	166½			...
42½	17½	4.34	SEA Multimedia	17½			
75½	62½	6.81	Sanctuary Music	69½	+ 2	...	13.2
12½	5½	0.80	Scotswood Inds	7½	..	...	..
6	3¾	9.20	Screen	4½		..	18.6
350	235	11.30	Scruttons	235		6.9	13.5
82	47½	9.26	Selector	47½	- 2	..	...
30½	17½	1.13	Self Sealing	19½	...		
177½	154½	12.20	Shalibane	172½	...	2.9	13.8
104½	74	4.64	Shelton (M)	87½	- 1½	6.1	15.9
16½	12½	37.50	Sibir Energy	14	- ½		...
270	208½	31.90	Sinclair Montrs	245	..		40.4
4½	2¼	7.68	Sira Bus Serv	3½	..	1.9	15.8
1½	1	0.24	Sira Bus Wts	1¼	..		
3¾	1	8.42	Snakeboard	1¼	..		
110½	99½	11.10	Soccer Inv	110½	...	...	...
84½	79½	5.01	Solid State Sp	79½	..	4.7	19.6
34½	26½	2.73	Soundtracs	27		5.6	8.1
6½	4¼	6.89	South Beach Cafe	4¼		..	
783	619½	181.00	Southern News	745	- 10½	3.1	24.1
72½	65½	13.40	Southern Vectis	67½	...	3.9	14.0
284	173½	32.50	Staffware	280	+ 10	0.4	36.7
635	427½	91.20	Stanford Rook	472½	- 2½	..	..
177½	127½	15.80	Stenor	135	- 3½		..
54½	42½		Stenor Wts	46	- ½		
85½	77½	13.30	Style Hldgs	84½	- ½	2.2	11.3
155	127	14.90	Sutton Harbour	149	..	2.9	21.3
22	5	1.47	Syst Integ Rsch	11	..	...	...
23	17	3.69	TDS Circuits	17½	..	..	8.1
97½	65	10.50	Theo Fennell	65		...	19.0
14	6¾	14.40	Thomas Potts	8	+ 1¼	1.7	24.0
32½	22½	1.82	Tom Hoskins	24	..		
158½	142½	22.90	Total Office	142½	..	4.2	8.9
625	375	32.60	TRACKER Netwk	615	+ 70		39.5
125	55	28.50	Tradepoint Fcl	122½	+ 6½	...	..
167	145	5.22	Trinity Care	145		4.3	31.1
170	170	1.50	Trinity Care Pf	170		5.6	
60½	17¼	99.40	Trocadero	20	- ¼		
40	38	3.46	Univent	38		..	21.0
397½	317½	5.71	Utd Auctions	317½		3.5	8.5
280	120	14.20	VDC	135	..	5.0	12.2
44	20¾	111.10	Versailles Grp	44	..	1.2	32.0
53	45	89.10	Victory Corp	47	+ 1		
242½	45	1.57	Viewmin	45			
240	220	6.44	Voss Net	230		..	
68½	49¾	23.00	Waterfall	66	+ ½		16.1
34	27	5.99	Watermark	31½	..	3.2	11.3
32	9½	10.70	Wedderburn Secs	17	- 1½		
7	5	7.24	Weeks Group	5½	..	2.3	9.9
115	75	3.48	West 175 Enter	85			
£280	£130	11.70	West Bromwich	£160	-1000	..	24.7
12½	10½	4.75	Western Selecn	11	+ ½		43.7
4½	4½	0.28	Western Sel Wts	4½	..	..	..
140½	44½	12.40	Westmount Engy	110½	+ 5	..	...
90½	80½	4.25	Whitecross	88½			
245	181½	33.50	Whittard Chelsea	204½	- 1	1.9	..
91	45½	8.54	W'chester M Md	70	- 1½	...	...
197	168	37.50	World Telecom	173		...	...
135	120	4.22	Wynnstay Props	132		4.7	16.9
12	8½	5.25	Xavier Comp	8¾			9.8
157½	101½	4.87	Yeoman	101½	..	..	
300	280	25.80	Zergo	280	...	..	...
29½	6½	1.73	Zicor Mining	7½	..		

BSA throws its weight behind Welfare to Work

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the biggest commitments to the Government's Welfare to Work programme will today be made when a large number of the UK's outsourcing companies sign up to the scheme.

The British Services Association, which represents companies employing 300,000 workers, and which have sales of £4 billion, is likely to offer about 2,000 places for the New Deal scheme which aims to put 250,000 unemployed young people into jobs.

The BSA has been in talks with the Department for Education and Employment since the election. Its members work in all aspects of business services from catering to cleaning to facilities management. Its commitment to the scheme marks the first industry-wide initiative.

Andrew Smith, the Employment Minister, said: "The New Deal is about making young people more employable and integrating their needs to the needs of business. I welcome the support of the BSA with their commitment to provide quality opportunities for many young people in the catering and business service sector. This will give them the chance to get into a fast-growing industry."

Smith: welcomed support

Garry Hawkes, chairman of Gardner Merchant and chairman of the BSA, said: "We were keen to respond to the Government's Welfare to Work initiative on terms that would benefit the young people concerned and would meet the needs of our industry. BSA's national model has been constructed to ensure that young people who have been accustomed to long-term welfare may soon be accustomed to long-term work."

The BSA's pledge to participate in the programme follows commitments already outlined by Tesco and Allied Domecq. The BSA says that because it implements a national training programme throughout its member companies the skills learned by young people will be more likely to translate into permanent jobs.

The move comes as a survey by 3i, the venture capital group, shows a rise in companies willing to join in the Welfare to Work scheme. Of 473 firms surveyed, 30 per cent said they had taken on people in government schemes and 35 per cent were willing.

Mutual life firms beat rivals on efficiency

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

MUTUAL insurance companies are more cost efficient than their quoted rivals, with Equitable Life leading the pack as the most efficient operator, a new report claims.

The study of the UK life insurance industry by Fox-Pitt Kelton, the broker, strongly supports firms such as Standard Life and Equitable Life, which have resisted the temptation of the stock market.

Fox-Pitt finds that Equitable Life, a leading mutual, "is in a league of its own as far as cost efficiency is concerned". The best of the rest is Scottish Widows, while Co-operative Insurance (CIS) has a "very creditable acquisition cost ratio", reflecting the effectiveness of using one salesforce to sell both life and non-life policies. Nonetheless, all the other life insurers are a long way behind Equitable Life.

A comparison of administrative cost ratios shows that shareholder ownership and the attendant profit motive do not lead to greater efficiency. The average ratio for administrative expenses to technical reserves is 0.52 per cent among mutuals, and 0.64 per cent among quoted companies. Fox-Pitt argues that there is scope for the industry to increase its operating efficiency, with other companies having plenty of scope to emulate Equitable Life's administrative expenses ratio of 0.18 per cent.

The industry must offer better value for money, implying a change of culture and further consolidation, the report says. The effect on profits would be uncertain but would probably mean higher volumes and lower margins.

JOHN LEWIS PARTNERSHIP plc
Department stores and Waitrose supermarkets

Consolidated unaudited results
for the half year ended 26 July 1997

	1997 £m	1996 £m	change %
Sales (including VAT)	1577.6	1468.0	7
Trading profit	105.6	90.2	17
Interest	11.0	12.1	
Profit before taxation	94.6	78.1	21
Taxation	31.2	27.5	
Preference dividends	0.1	0.1	
Surplus available for profit sharing and retentions	63.3	50.5	25

Sales
Sales increased by £73 million (10%) in the department store division and £36 million (5%) in Waitrose supermarkets.

Profit
Pre-tax profit increased by £17 million (21%).

Profit sharing
Allocation between retentions and profit sharing is determined when the results for the year are known. The taxation charge for the year will depend on the rate of profit sharing.

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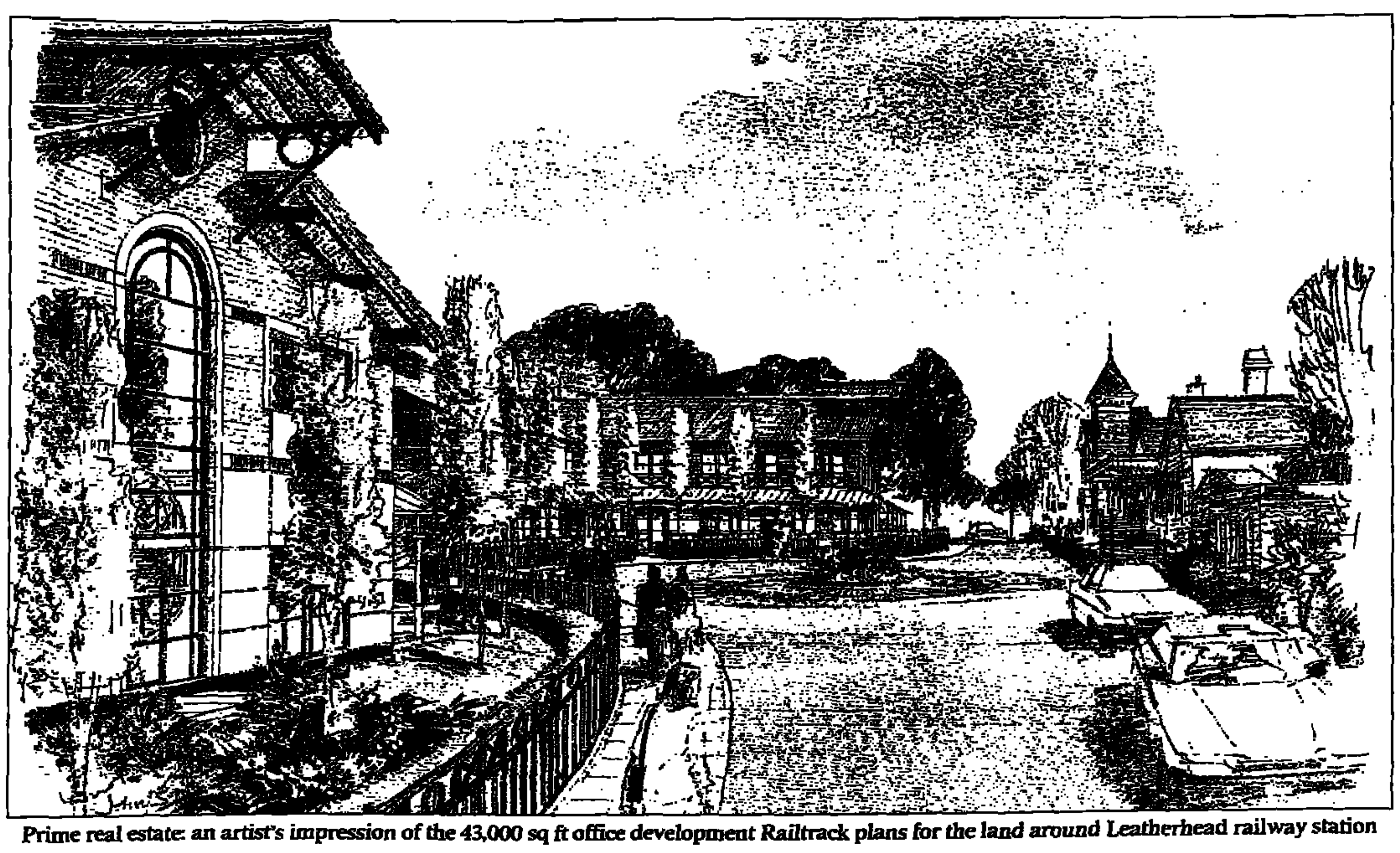

Prime real estate: an artist's impression of the 43,000 sq ft office development Railtrack plans for the land around Leatherhead railway station

Action stations as Railtrack builds up property riches

The owner of Britain's railway infrastructure is sitting on a goldmine, writes **Mark Court**

A new structure is rising above Leatherhead in Surrey. Railtrack, the owner of Britain's railway infrastructure, is turning the land around the commuter station into a 43,000 sq ft office development.

It seems these days that Railtrack is determined not only to concrete over most of Surrey, but also confirm the view of many City analysts at the time of privatisation, that the group was a property company that just happened to run a few railway lines on the side. This view fuelled the fears of John Prescott, then Labour's transport spokesman, now the deputy Prime Minister, that the Government was selling off valuable property interests on the cheap.

Railtrack's flotation prospectus said it would make £1 billion from property by 2001. But it appears that it will make much more and could bolster profits over the next couple of years by a further £200 million.

Since flotation, Railtrack has been quietly exploiting its vast property portfolio, which ranges from major stations to railway arches, from small strips of land to former freight yards. But the company's property division, under property director Bob Hill, is reluctant to advertise its efforts for fear of upsetting Mr Prescott. A City source said: "Railtrack is very reluctant to put their property interests in the public arena because they don't want it getting back to Prescott. But the development potential is unbelievable. Railtrack is sitting on an absolute goldmine."

A surveyor close to Railtrack added: "There is a lot more activity than people are aware of. Railtrack is gearing up for a big push on development."

In its flotation prospectus, Railtrack estimated that it would make one billion pounds from its property portfolio in the six years to 2001, of which £250 million would come from disposals. Since then, property prices have risen more than 10 per cent and privately Railtrack admits that the pace of development and the profits coming in are much greater than expected.

A City source said: "Railtrack has told us that the £1 billion forecast in the prospectus will be exceeded. The problem is they say one story in private and another in public. I think they will report around £1.2 billion, but with a lot of equity investments this will actually understate the real figure."

The City is keen to get more details of the value locked up in Railtrack's property portfolio. Alan Carter, a property analyst at BZW, said: "At the time of the flotation, we said that it was impossible to put a figure on what the property portfolio was genuinely worth because it is a series of one-off situations. There's obviously land in there of immense value. Just by doing nothing they are sitting on an asset that is appreciating in value."

But evidence suggests that the property department is extremely busy. Teams of architects, surveyors and developers are working on detailed master plans for all of Railtrack's major stations and the group has a total of 250 projects at various stages.

In the next few weeks, Railtrack will seek planning permission for a £120 million complex of office, shops and leisure facilities to be built above Richmond station in Surrey. Railtrack is planning other "air rights" schemes. But the high capital cost of construction, at around £400 per square foot, means they are unlikely to be built outside of the South East.

Surrey is at the forefront of Railtrack's property push, with almost a dozen schemes. Mr Hill said: "In terms of offices outside of the central London area, Surrey is one of the best places to be."

The Surrey developments are dwarfed by plans Railtrack has for its main stations. Huge office schemes are planned in London at Paddington, King's Cross and London Bridge, as well as a further phase of the Broadgate development at Liverpool Street. A huge office scheme in Edinburgh is high on the list of priorities, and in Leeds work is about to start on a 100,000 sq ft retail and office scheme. Mr Hill said: "Increasingly we are bringing opportunities to the market as the market warms up."

Railtrack also has the advantage of recent changes to government planning rules that emphasise the importance of public transport. One analyst said: "Planning guidance note (PPG) 13 effectively said that if a development depends on road transport then it should not be given planning permission. This means the trophy site in almost every town is above or beside a railway station."

The big supermarkets, whose out of town stores were a key factor in the introduction of PPG 13, have already turned their attentions to railway stations. Tesco has been in negotiations with Railtrack and the local council in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, with a view to building a supermarket over the station.

Mr Hill is in the process of restructuring the property department so that it can take a more active role in development. He said: "One of the changes since we came into the private sector is that we can take a wider business view of the most sensible way to proceed. In the past we were totally driven by the need to get capital receipts."

Many in the property industry believe the changes will lead to Railtrack taking large equity stakes in high-profile schemes and developing major schemes themselves to get a bigger share of potential profits. The property push will have a substantial effect on Railtrack's bottom line. One analyst said: "The property contribution is understated in the share price, but it's difficult to say by how much. The property angle is a big dimension but cost-cutting is the main issue in the short term."

Railtrack could also be punished for making too much out of its property portfolio. Unlike other utilities, which benefit from unregulated income outside of their core activities, Railtrack's supplementary income comes under the gaze of the industry regulator.

Where Railtrack's property income exceeds the amount assumed by the regulator in setting excess charges for that year, 25 per cent of the excess will be given as rebate to train-operating companies. After 2001 this may change as the regulator reviews the situation and may force Railtrack to hand over 40 per cent of the profits.

Railtrack's property portfolio has been something of a sleeping giant, but the giant is now stirring. An army of building workers, bulldozers and cranes will soon be pulling in to a station near you.

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TELEVISION CHOICE

A new working-class hero

A Prince Among Men
BBC1, 8.30pm

This is a new comedy vehicle for Chris Barrie, no doubt anxious to bury the supernerd Gordon Brittas which he played so well for so long. Barrie's new character is Gary Prince (hence the somewhat lame title), a former footballer and currently an entrepreneur, television personality and all-purpose working-class hero. He lives in mock-Tudor Cheshire with a German wife and a staff of sycophants and, to emphasise that he is not Brittas Mark Two, Barrie plays him with a curly hairstyle and a Liverpool accent. From the evidence of the opening episode the comic focus is hard to discern. Like Brittas, Prince is less important than he thinks he is and gets slapped down, though this seems hardly enough to sustain a series. But first episodes tend to be warming-up exercises and we must hope that the writers, Tony Millan and Mike Walling, have more to say.

Decisive Weapons: Aircraft Carrier
BBC2, 8.00pm

The second programme in a very watchable series uses two episodes from the Second World War to illustrate a profound change in the nature of naval combat. The first is the destruction by the Japanese, at Pearl Harbor, of the United States Pacific Fleet. The second is the American revenge, seven months later, at the Battle of Midway. The common, crucial factor in both engagements was the aircraft carrier. With the help of first-hand accounts from American and Japanese veterans, the film traces the development of the carrier from tentative beginnings in the 1920s to a new weapon of war. It meant that at Pearl Harbor the Japanese were able to launch their air attacks from 275 miles away, while at Midway the ships of the two fleets did not even see each other.

Equinox: A Very British Bomb
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The development of the British atom bomb is partly a political story and partly a scientific one and, as this excellent documentary shows, the two became intermeshed. During the war British scientists had worked with their American colleagues on the Manhattan Project. After the war the United States decided it would no longer share its nuclear know-how. Stung by this rebuff, the Attlee Government decided that Britain must have its own nuclear weapon. William Penney, a blast expert who had worked on the American bomb, was put in charge. The exercise was conducted amid the utmost secrecy but with so little security that the vital plutonium was transported by road without a police escort. First-hand accounts from the scientists involved, and previously classified footage, lend colour to an absorbing account.

Chris Barrie stars (BBC1, 8.30pm)

Picture This: Waiting
BBC2, 9.30pm

The series of documentaries by emerging directors opens with a film by Joanna Bailey about those whose job it is to wait at table. It is an unusual subject and Bailey does not disappoint, even if she overdoes the arty camera angles and other visual gimmickry. She intercuts the stories of five people, clearly chosen for variety and contrast. Ellen and Pam are middle-aged women who work for a company which puts on posh meals for the upper classes. Ellen became a waitress because she missed out on education and could not read. She still cannot. Pam reveals an unhappy, not to say tragic, domestic life. We also meet the genial head of a restaurant run by a Burmese family and a young Serb whose uninhibited use of English tends to startle the diners in respectable Torquay. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Speak After The Beep
Radio 4, 8.45am

Radio 4 has a delayed a decision on axeing *Yesterday In Parliament* so those of us who wish to see an end to it are unashamedly lobbying to increase the audiences for programmes like this, which replace *YIP* during the parliamentary recess. But the return of *Speak after the Beep* warrants attention in any event, for it brings together, seamlessly, the writing of Michael Frayn and the acting of Martin Jarvis. Today's story — there are five, one on each day this week — is about an opera singer being interviewed backstage during breaks in her performance. Jarvis plays all the parts, which, later in the week, include the flight crew of a jumbo jet and Mr and Mrs God. These programmes are minor gems.

Book at Bedtime: Stories by Mark Twain
Radio 4, 10.45pm

Kelsey Grammer is something of a cult figure through his portrayal of the radio psychologist Frasier in the television series imported by Channel 4. But now he appears in the very different role of reader in the *Book at Bedtime* slot, Grammer's debut on British radio. The BBC, understandably enough, has been plugging these short stories for a week or so and the quality of the first one tonight, *A Day At Niagara*, is all most listeners will need to ensure that they hear the rest. The stories have been abridged by Duncan Minshull and they were recorded in New York, as is only right and proper. It is too long since I read Twain but I do recall *The Great Beef Contract*, which is tomorrow's story. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe and Boy Lard with the Breakfast Show **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Mary Anne Hobbs. Includes **12.30pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Kevin Greening **6.15** Newsbeat **6.30** Evening Session with Steve Lamacq **8.30** Live Music Update with Bnggy Smale **8.40** Andy Kershaw. Includes a live session by Maria Vasconcelos **10.30** Charlie Jordan **1.00am** Clive Warren **4.00** Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** Johnnie Walker **7.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **8.00** Malcolm Laycock with Big Band Era and Dance Band Days **9.00** Big Band Special. The BBC Big Band under by Barry Forgie, from Eden Court Theatre, Inverness. With the jazz pianist Monty Alexander **9.30** Hayes Over Britain **10.00** Richard Allinson **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester. Includes at **3.30** Pause for Thought

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme **9.00** The Magazine **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.00pm** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.30** Football Legends. A new series in which *Jimmy Armfield talks to great players of the past, beginning* with Jimmy Greaves **8.00** David Mellor's Football Forum. The first of the season's discussion programmes comes from White Hart Lane in north London **10.00** News Talk **11.00** News Extra with Valerie Sanderson **12.00** After Hours with Paul Hemott and Sheila McClennon **2.00am** Up All Night with Rhod Sharp **5.00** Morning Reports

TALK RADIO

6.30am The Breakfast Show with Paul Ross and Carol McGiffen **9.00** Scott Chisholm **12.00** Lorraine Kelly **2.00pm** Tommy Boyd **4.00** Drivetime with Peter Deeley **7.00** Anna Raeburn **9.00** James Whale **1.00am** Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsday **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** A Step Too Far **7.30** Omnibus **8.00** News **8.15** Off the Shelf: Red Dwarf **8.30** The Vintage Chart Show **9.00** News; News in German (648 only) **9.10** Pause for Thought **9.15** International Question Time **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Ends of the World **10.30** BBC English: Britain Now **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Omnibus **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Jazzmatazz **1.00** News; News in German (648 only) **1.05** World Business Report **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Sport **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Chill Out **4.00** World News **4.05** Sport **4.15** Encyclopedia Historica **4.30** Pop the Question **5.00** Europe Today **5.30** World Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.00** News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Seven Days; News in German (648 only) **6.45** Sport **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Brain of Britain **8.00** News **8.01** Outlook **8.25** Pause for Thought **8.30** Multitrack Hit List **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** Dreams of Leaving: The Story of Human Migration **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** The World Today **11.45** Sport **12.00** News **12.05am** Outlook **12.30** Multitrack Hit List **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** Report on an Unidentified Space Station **1.45** Britain Today **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Seven Days **2.45** Home is Where the Hatred is **3.00** Newsday **3.30** On Screen **4.00** News **4.05** World Business Report **4.15** Sport **4.30** Europe Today **5.00** Newsdesk **5.30** Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Alan Mann **9.00** Henry Kelly **1.00pm** Listener Request Hour **2.00** Concerto. Haydn (Oboe Concerto in C) **3.00** Jamie Crick **7.00** Newsnight **7.30** Sonata. L F Dauprat (Sonata for Horn and Harp) **8.00** Evening Concert. Schubert (Mass No 5 in A flat; Intende Voci; Tantum Ergo in E flat) **10.00** Jane Markham **2.00am** Concerto (r) **3.00** Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Graham Dene **1.00pm** Jeremy Clark **4.00** Nicky Horne **7.00** Nick Abbot **10.00** Mark Forrest **2.00am** Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Vivaldi (Magnificat in G minor); Mozart (Symphony No 29 in A); Liszt (Hungarian Fantasy No 2 in C sharp minor); Chabrier (Joyeuse marche); Bach, arr Busoni (Wachet auf). Strauss (Suite Le bourgeois gentilhomme)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore. Includes Handel (Water Music Suite No 1 in F); Beethoven (Andante Favori); Strauss (Serenade for 13 Wind Instruments); Dvořák (Slavonic Dances: No 7 in C minor; No 8 in G minor)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Stephanie Hughes. Includes Poot (A Cheerful Overture); Locke (Broken Consort in D); Koechlin (Seven Stars Symphony, first mvt); Mozart (Violin Sonata in E minor); Svendsen (Carnival in Paris), Ravel (Trois poemes de Mallarme); Rootham (Miniature Suite)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Muzio Clementi

1.00pm News; From St Johns. A concert given last year by Ralph Kirshbaum, cello, and Roger Vignoles, piano. Bach (Solo Cello Suite No 3 in C, BWV1009); Shostakovich (Cello Sonata) (r)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras. The first of a new series BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Tadaaki Otaka/Mariss Jansons. With Cheryl Studer, soprano, and Arturo Pizarro, piano, includes Wagner (Die Meistersinger von Numberg, Prelude to Act 1); Takemitsu (A Flock Descends into the Pentagonal Garden); Strauss (Four Last Songs); Rachmaninov (Rhapsody in a Theme of Paganini); Beethoven (Symphony No 5 in C minor)

4.00 Music Matters, with Ivan Hewett (r)

4.45 Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson (r)

5.00 In Tune, with Sean Rafferty. Includes Sarasate (Zigeunerweisen); Sibelius (Karelia Suite); Prokofiev (Symphony No 1, Classical)

7.30 Performance on 3. An evening of dance music from Broadcasting House in Vienna. Ensemble Wien performs ländler and German dances by Haydn, Beethoven, Schubert and Mozart. Lanner (New Viennese Landler); Johann Strauss, son (Rasch in der Tat); Johann Strauss, father (Sorgenbrecher); Johann Strauss, son (Waltz Fruhlingsstimmen) **8.20** Cheese. With Sydney Angelo, the Rt Rev Richard Harries, the Bishop of Oxford, Mathilde Pourrit, and the cheese historian Duncan Clegg **8.40** Concert part two. Josef Strauss (Rudolfheimer-Polka; Die Guten Alten Zeiten); Philipp Fahrbach Jr (Reissaus); Lanner (Dampf-Walzer); Johann Strauss, son (Overture: Die Fledermaus)

9.35 Postscript. Written and presented by Sue Marling. A look at the current renaissance in landscaping (1/5) (r)

10.00 Voices. In the first of a new series, Natalie Wheen introduces highlights from the Wigmore Hall International Song Competition which took place last Saturday

10.45 Iconoclassics. Andrew Sparling's talks to Annette Morreau, founder of the Contemporary Music Network

11.30 Composer of the Week: Verdi (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Fairweather

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today **8.45** Speak After the Beep. See Choice (1/5) **8.58** Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with the *Times* columnist Melvyn Bragg and his guests

10.00 Daily Service (LW). From St Andrew's and St George's Parish Church, Edinburgh

10.00 News; Battling with the Past (FM). Presented by Ronald Hutton

10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour. Jenni Murray talks to Eileen Gray, founder of The Women's Cycle Racing Association

11.30 Money Box Live, with Vincent Duggleby

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Whittaker

12.25pm Round Britain Quiz. The North of England meet the Midlands in the cryptic quiz chaired by Nick Clarke **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast (LW)

2.00 News; David, by Nick Warburton. A drama following the life of the Old Testament's King David. With Michael Sheen and David De Keyser (2/2)

3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Laurie Taylor

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Lynne Walker sees a new production of Lorca's *The House of Bernarda Alba* at Glasgow's Tramway, and hears the newly declared Booker shortlist

4.45 Short Story: Voodoo Cantata, by Gail Hughes. Read by Carolyn Jones

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News

6.30 News Quiz, with Simon Hoggart, and panellists Jeremy Hardy, Clive Anderson and the *Times* columnist Alan Coren (r)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 Points of Reference. A look at the points of the compass and what they mean. With contributions from Dr Robin Baker, David Broughton, Charles Burton, Dr Gloria Clifden, Ian McGaskill, Patrick Moore and Francis Spufford (1/4) (r)

7.45 The Monday Play: Swine, by Diane Samuels. A young Asian girl discovers her local mosque has been desecrated. With Rina Mahoney (r)

9.15 No Man is an Island. Fergal Keane journeys through his native Ireland and explores the changes that have shaped the country over the last three decades (1/4) (r)

9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) **9.59** Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: Stories by Mark Twain. See Choice. Read by Kelsey Grammer (1/5)

11.00 Being American. Simon Parkes joins an typical American family on their annual summer vacation (2/4) (r)

11.30 Bertie and the Crime of Passion, by Peter Lovsey. A historical mystery starring Robert Lang and Jane Lapotaire (2/4) (r)

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: The Debt to Pleasure, by John Lanchester (5/10) (r)

12.48 Shipping Forecast (LW)

1.00 As World Service

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Louchely Liverpudlian in the Lake District

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Some years ago I walked into what I now realise must have been an early rehearsal for **The Lakes** (BBC1). We had been out enjoying a favourite walk — Ambleside to Trout Beck and back — a leisurely climb on the way out, absolutely exhausting on the steep but spectacular way back again. We had earned a drink, so chose a promising-looking pub and walked into . . . bedlam.

The party had clearly been in full swing for hours. You could cut the smoke with a knife, a small fight had broken out in one corner and an ambitious couple were attempting to dance. That was nothing compared with what a number of other ambitious couples were attempting to do on the plush velvet benches. Who would have thought it: snogging . . . in the Lake District . . . at 4.30pm? "Is it always like this?" I asked the barman. "Only when it rains," he said, and smiled. We didn't stay long — about an hour and a half.

So, when Jimmy McGovern tells us that the Lake District is full of people having casual sex I believe him. His assertion that it is also full of Roman Catholic priests having their vows of chastity tested by attractive parishioners, I must take on trust. He wasn't getting confused with *Ballykissangel*, was he?

For the first half-hour, *The Lakes* was just like that Ambleside pub: lots of young people rushing around doing what young people do — in quarries, cars, barns, fields and, just once in a while, even in bed. It was all great fun and that made me nervous, because McGovern, creator of *Cracker* and chronicler of *Hillsborough*, does not believe in fun. Sure enough, it didn't last long.

Danny, our young Liverpudlian anti-hero, and Emma, who would have gone to university if she hadn't met him, had a problem. She was pregnant. She was also a Catholic, so that was pretty much that. Straight off to the nearest council tower block . . . and then he got sent to prison . . . and then she left him and went home to mum. The same mum, by the way, who was stirring improper thoughts in the mind of the local priest, in a subplot that so far makes no sense at all, but with Mary Jo Randle and Robert Pugh on top form is lovely to watch.

By now we had the definite impression that time was fairly rushing by. Unfortunately, as McGovern's mood darkened, the same could not be said of the feature-length opening episode. The last half-hour — as instinct primed us for the disaster that duly arrived — was particularly hard going.

But I'll stick with it (to be strictly accurate it will be John Diamond sticking with it: I'm off on holiday) if only because, in 90 minutes of television, McGovern only annoyed me once: by giving Danny exactly the same fatal character flaw he gave to Fitz in *Cracker* — an addiction to gambling. Sex, death and Catholic guilt I'll accept as recurrent themes in his writing, but the repeated use of a fondness for the ponies just seems lazy. Two to one, he disagrees.

Over on BBC2, I thought the best thing about Alan Clark's **History of the Tory Party** was the big blue lion that strode majestically through the opening titles. Bet the party political broadcast boys wished they had thought of that.

For his part, Clark did very little striding but an awful lot of elegant leaning and the odd bit of urbane ambling as he covered events from the Carlton Club meeting of 1922 to the outbreak of the Second World War. If you weren't up on your British constitutional history you were in trouble. Mind you, if you weren't up on your British constitutional history you probably didn't know you were in trouble. You had either turned over in search of something less languid or you were busy accepting everything the great man said as gospel truth. So that was what the Abdication was all about: "the last great establishment coup dressed up as high-mindedness." Never doubted it for a minute.

Clark's famously lazy drawl is not ideal for television, rendering one or two words completely unintelligible. But he has goodwill behind him and an enjoyable cast of now rather elderly first-hand witnesses. The fact that it is the future of the Tory party that is rather more pressing than its history is hardly his fault. The series should go down well with those who complain there is nothing intelligent on television any more, but somewhat less positively with those who know — that here and now — there actually still is.

There was no doubting, for instance, the intelligence behind **Bookmark: The Roots of Alex Haley** (BBC2, Saturday) but its motivation seemed more puzzling. By its own admission, very little of what was in James Kent's handsomely made film was new. The serious allegations of plagiarism surfaced soon after *Roots* was published in the 1970s, while suggestions that he had made much of it up began soon after his death, four years ago.

His brother George, who proudly has a *Roots* family tree in his office, reacted with curious emphasis: "*He* didn't make it up — that's all I can say." Kent and Philip Nobile, the sort of crusading investigative journalist who makes me nervous, didn't believe him, but at least they put a couple of others in the frame alongside. Could it have been his publisher, aware that a "true" account would be a far more commercial proposition than fiction? She swore not. But what about the Gambian Government which the programme alleged had conveniently "found" Haley's missing African ancestor, knowing that black American tourists would flock to its country as a result? That's not so much foresight as genius — and if it's true they deserve all the dollars they get.

BBC1

6.00am **Business Breakfast** (35028)

7.00 **BBC Breakfast News** (T) (98016115)

9.05 **Can't Cook, Won't Cook** (T) (2954912) **WALES: 9.00** Referendum Call (4660)

9.30 **Style Challenge** (1792912)

9.55 **Kilroy** (T) (5741573)

10.35 **Change That** (1831399)

11.00 **News** (T) and weather (4103467)

11.05 **The Really Useful Show** (T) (9143466)

11.35 **Room for Improvement** The pitfalls of buying a new house (2714486)

12.00 **News** (T) and weather (6673689)

12.05pm **Call My Bluff** (9944080)

12.35 **Going for a Song** (9657641)

1.00 **News** (T) and weather (38573)

1.30 **Regional News** (17751467)

1.40 **The Weather Show** (87609080)

1.45 **Neighbours** (T) (77487660)

2.10 **Quincy** (r) (3247509)

3.00 **Through the Keyhole** (8912)

3.30 **Playdays** (8420115) **3.50** Revolting Recipes (1864028) **4.05** Little Mouse on the Prairie (4913912) **4.25** The All-New Popeye Show (3994221) **4.35** Goosebumps (6928844) **5.00** Newsround (T) (9323080) **5.10** Blue Peter (T) (5229776)

5.35 **Neighbours** (r) (T) (470202)

6.00 **News** (T) and weather (739)

6.30 **Regional News** (689)

7.00 **This Is Your Life** Michael Aspel surprises another unsuspecting personality (3221)

7.30 **Here and Now** Teenage prostitution; the volunteers behind Britain's smallest radio station (573)

8.00 **EastEnders** A new face spells disaster for George, and Nigel receives disturbing news (T) (9641)

8.30 CHOICE **A Prince Among Men** New comedy series, starring Chris Barrie as a social climber (T) (8776)

9.00 **News** (T) and weather (4318)

9.30 **Bloomin' Marvellous** After months of trying for a baby, a romantic weekend in the Lakes seems to have done the trick for Jack and Liz (T) (18134)

10.00 **Panorama** Jane Corbin reports on the events in Paris which lead to the accident that killed Diana, Princess of Wales (774950)

10.40 **Full Circle with Michael Palin** (2/10) Japan and Korea (r) (T) (208592) **WALES: 10.40** Catalysts (360329) **11.20** FAW Football (756399) **12.50am** Film '97 (3017332) **1.20** FILM: Goin' South (871852) **3.05** News (86611061)

11.35 **Film '97 with Barry Norman** Mike Leigh discusses his latest film, *Career Girls*, and his prolific workrate. Plus: reviews of *My Best Friend's Wedding*, with Julia Roberts and Rupert Everett, and *Photographing Fairies*, and a report from the set of Harvey Keitel's *Head Above Water* (536202)

12.05am **Goin' South** (1978) FILM Jack Nicholson directs and stars in this tongue-in-cheek western about an outlaw who avoids being hanged by marrying Also with Mary Steenburgen and Christopher Lloyd (996429)

1.45 **Weather** (2924852)

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BBC2

6.00am **O U: Sordid Subject of Boeuf Bourguignon** (4731115) **6.25** English, English Everywhere (4743950) **6.50** Family Problems (5541950) **7.15** See Hear News (T and signing) (4681370)

7.30 **Smurfs' Adventures** (r) (6789047) **7.55** To Me, to You (r) (T) (5784825) **8.20** Melvin and Maureen's Music-a-Grams (r) (3544592) **8.35** Teletubbies (r) (1366115) **9.00** Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (2953283) **9.25** Flash Gordon's Trip to Mars (b/w) (r) (3159405) **9.45** Rocky Star (b/w) (r) (8954202) **9.50** Cartoon (8942467) **10.00** Teletubbies (97738)

10.30 **Knights of the Plains** (1938, b/w) FILM Western drama with Fred Scott Directed by Sam Newfield (95912)

11.30 **The Fugitive** (b/w) (r) (T) (9680844) **12.20pm** Complete Guide to the 20th Century (r) (6675047)

12.30 **Working Lunch** (96912) **1.00** Greedysaurus Gang (r) (73767863) **1.05** Hairy Jeremy (73766134) **1.10** The Craft Hour (2133496) **2.10** Wildlife on Two (31704912) **2.40** News (T) (1118196) **2.45** Match of the 1970s (r) (T) (3069399) **3.25** News (T) (4161080) **3.30** Real Rooms (r) (467) **4.00** Ready, Steady, Cook (202) **4.30** Going, Going, Gone (6927115) **4.55** Esther (1992806) **5.30** Today's the Day (738)

6.00 **Battlestar Galactica** (1/2) (r) (T) (222399)

6.50 **Sliders** (r) (T) (705467)

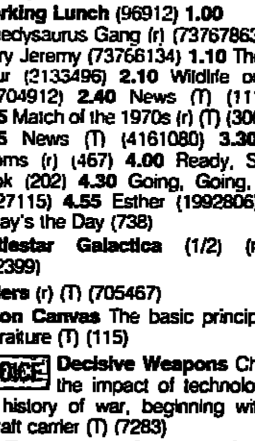
7.30 **Oil on Canvas** The basic principles of portraiture (T) (115)

8.00 CHOICE **Decisive Weapons** Charting the impact of technology on the history of war, beginning with the aircraft carrier (T) (7283)

8.30 **The Travel Show** Sri Lanka, Cornwall, and Co Kerry (6318)

9.00 **Changing Rooms** Interior design challenge (T) (5660)

9.30 CHOICE **Picture This** A new, real-life series, beginning with a look at five people who all wait at table (T) (16776)



Host Mark Lamarr (10.00pm)

10.00 **Never Mind the Buzzcocks** New series of the pop quiz hosted by Mark Lamarr (T) (60009)

10.30 **Newsnight** Devolution special (T) (718554)

11.15 **Jonathan Miller's Opera Works** (3/6) The chorus (T) (793405)

12.00 **Weather** (5003121)

12.05am **Walking on Thin Ice** New series, rival explorers on the ice of the Arctic Ocean (2758054)

12.15 **Animation 2** (r) (4176806)

12.30 **Learning Zone: O U: Persisting Dreams** (97871) **1.30** Jasper Johns' Flag (91500) **2.00** Perfect Pictures Collections 1 (45581) **4.00** Italia 2000 (17177) **4.30** Royal Institute Discourse (99516) **5.30** RCN Nursing Update Unit 73 (92005)

HTV

6.00am **GMTV** (7597931)

9.25 **Supermarket Sweep** (T) (2950196)

9.55 **Regional News** (T) (1417757)

10.00 **The Time, the Place** (17592)

10.30 **This Morning** (T) (18218660)

12.20pm **Regional News** (6671221)

12.30 **News** (T) and weather (9850738)

12.55 **High Road** (T) (9868757)

1.25 **Home and Away** (T) (58592318)

1.50 **Mad About Men** (1954) FILM with Glynis Johns and Anne Crawford. A mermaid stands in for a young schoolteacher in order to meet men Directed by Ralph Thomas (6497931)

3.30 **Tots TV** (r) (1848080) **3.40** The Slow Norris (7681912) **3.50** Wolves, Witches and Giants (1859196) **4.05** Sooty and Co (T) (4908080) **4.25** Sabrina the Teenage Witch (r) (T) (4924028) **4.50** How 2 (T) (6720283)

5.10 **WALES: Animal Country** (2767912)

5.10 **We Are Seven** Period drama (2767912)

5.40 **News** (T) and weather (646318)

6.00 **Home and Away** (r) (T) (497405)

6.25 **HTV Weather** (366196)

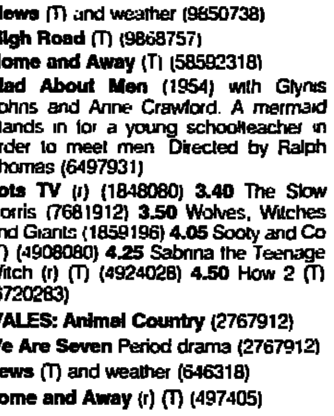
6.30 **HTV News** (T) (757)

7.00 **Talking Telephone Numbers** Hosted by Philip Schofield, with Claudia Winkelman (5689)

7.30 **Coronation Street** Samantha must make a decision (T) (641)

8.00 **World in Action** Updating the stories of three teenagers, featured in a 1992 edition, who had spent their lives in care (T) (1009)

8.30 **Michael Barrymore's Strike it Rich** (T) (3844)



Orla Brady as Clare Somers (9.00pm)

9.00 **Noah's Ark: Matters of Principle** Noah goes after an unscrupulous dealer after being forced to put down a little girl's pony. With Anton Rodgers (T) (6028)

10.00 **News** (T) and weather (80863)

10.30 **Regional News** (T) (125950)

10.40 **WALES: Referendum 97 — Wales Decides** Reports from Cardiff and Edinburgh (283283)

11.35 **Prisoner: Cell Block H** (403370)

10.40 **Nash Bridges: Trackdown** Police series with Don Johnson (T) (293660)

11.40 **WALES: Nash Bridges** (159047)

11.40 **Tropical Heat** A fishing trip takes a macabre turn when Spider reels in the head of a fisherman (159047)

12.40am **Football Extra** (8837326)

1.40 **War of the Worlds** (r) (1816852)

2.30 **Rockmania** (r) (79784)

3.30 **God's Gift** (4958245)

4.20 **Recollections** (30217451)

4.35 **World in Action** (r) (T) (31568784)

5.00 **Coronation Street** (r) (T) (19974)

5.30 **News** (99581)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 **A Country Practice** (9868757)

1.50 **Blue Heelers** (3792202)

2.50-3.20 **High Road** (6162931)

5.10-5.40 **Shortland Street** (2767912)

6.25-7.00 **Central News** (748912)

11.40 **Swift Justice** (691283)

12.45am **Football Extra** (830332)

1.45 **Late and Loud** (886516)

2.45 **Curtis Calls** (7252535)

2.50 **Film: The Day the Earth Caught Fire** (168351)

4.30 **Central Jobfinder '97** (4639351)

5.20 **Asian Eye** (1244326)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.20pm-12.30 **Illuminations** (6662573)

12.55 **Home and Away** (9868757)

1.25 **High Road** (81262170)

1.55 **Murder, She Wrote** (3700221)

2.50-3.20 **Gardener's Diary** (6162931)

5.10-5.40 **Home and Away** (2767912)

6.00-7.00 **Westcountry Live** (25347)

11.40 **Prisoner: Cell Block H** (159047)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55-1.25 **Shortland Street** (9868757)

1.50 **Yan Can Cook: The Best of China** (1061950)

2.25-3.20 **Blue Heelers** (4461514)

5.10-5.40 **Home and Away** (2767912)

6.00 **Meridian Tonight** (405)

6.30-7.00 **Tale of Four Favourite Towns** (757)

10.30 **Meridian News and Weather** (116202)

10.45 **Nash Bridges** (292931)

11.40 **The Pier** (811405)

12.05am **The Listings** (2853608)

12.10 **The Loop** (3611351)

5.00 **Freescreen** (19974)

ANGLIA

As HTV West except:

12.55-1.25 **A Country Practice** (9868757)

1.50 **Homemaker** (1061950)

2.25-3.20 **Blue Heelers** (4461514)

5.10-5.40 **Shortland Street** (2767912)

6.25-7.00 **Anglia News** (748912)

10.40 **Backstage** (760365)

12.15am **Weekly World News** (2276852)

S4C

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (28196) **9.00 Something So Right** (2988979) **9.25 Film: Great Guns** (1454283) **10.45 Love's Lost Hour** (3080467) **11.00 The Great Outdoors** (5172) **11.30 Here's One I Made Earlier** (1221) **12.00 Right to Reply** (87776) **12.30pm Baby Baby** (81080) **1.00 Slot Meithrin** (83024641) **1.15 Miffi** (83029196) **1.30 *Pencampwriaeth Golff Proffesiynol Cymru 1997*** (304383) **4.00 Bewitched** (370) **4.30 Garden Party** (554) **5.00 5 Pump** (5138134) ***5.15 Ffeil*** (9335825) **5.30 Countdown** (134) **6.00 Newyddion** (851689) **6.15 Heno** (496047) **7.00 Pobol y Cwm** (501592) ***7.25* Pencampwriaeth Golff Proffesiynol Cymru 1997** (883979) **8.00 Eric** (2979) **8.30 Newyddion** (1486) **9.00 Refferendwm '97** (7370) **10.00 Sgorio** (7757) **11.00 Whose Line is it Anyway?** (2573) **11.30 The American Football Big Match** (259221) **12.45am-1.45 Ian Hislop's School Rules** (888974)

CHANNEL 4

5.55am **Sesame Street** (23735)

7.00 **The Big Breakfast** (25196)

9.00 **Something So Right** (2388979)

9.25 **Great Guns** (1941, b/w) FILM A Laurel and Hardy comedy in which they reduce a training camp in Texas to chaos when they enlist for the Second World War Directed by Monty Banks (1454283)

10.45 **Love's Lost Hour** A short about an elderly man having a conversation with his dead wife (3080467)

11.00 **The Great Outdoors** (r) (5172)

11.30 **Here's One I Made Earlier** Nan bread, halloumi cheese and salad, fillets provençale; strawberry shortcake (T) (1221) **12.00** Sesame Street (87776) **12.30pm** Baby Baby (81080) **1.00** Light Lunch (r) (19863) **2.00** Stroke A drama without words (r) (28212467)

2.20 **Freedom Radio** (1941, b/w) FILM Wartime propaganda film about an Austrian doctor who becomes disillusioned with his Nazi patrons. Starring Clive Brook, directed by Anthony Asquith (918486)

4.00 **Bewitched** (r) (T) (370) **4.30** Countdown (T) (6912283) **4.55** Montel Williams (T) (3697234) **5.30** Pet Rescue (r) (134)

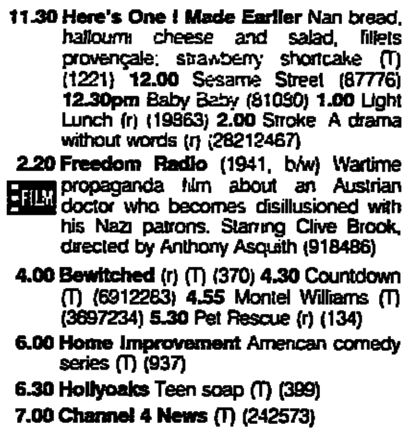
6.00 **Home Improvement** American comedy series (T) (937)

6.30 **Hollyoaks** Teen soap (T) (399)

7.00 **Channel 4 News** (T) (242573)

7.50 **Get Sorted** The first of five programmes tackling everyday jobs around the house. Today, rustproofing a car (277283)

8.00 **Undercover Britain: Football Touts** A football fan investigates how tickets become available on the black market (r) (T) (2979)



Abseiler Lisa Byleveld (8.30pm)

8.30 **Short Stories: The Bridge** A team of abseilers tackle the task of painting the Forth Road Bridge (T) (1486)

9.00 CHOICE **Equinox: A Very British Bomb** The story of Britain's atomic bomb, featuring unique footage which has been declassified for the programme (T) (7370)

10.00 **NYPD Blue** Simone and Sipowicz are called into a salvage yard where a woman's body has been found. Gina returns to the force (T) (7757)

11.00 **Seven Sins** A new series offering a 1990s perspective on the Seven Deadly Sins, beginning with Sloth (T) (2573)

11.30 **The American Football Big Match** Highlights (259221)

12.45am ***Trans World Sport*** (r) (888974)

1.45 **Football Italia** (r) (88180887)

4.10 **Men Are Not Gods** (1936, b/w) FILM with Miriam Hopkins, Sebastian Shaw and Gertrude Lawrence. A melodrama about a woman who falls for an actor — much to his wife's dismay. Directed by Walter Reisch (5267968)

5.35 **Film and Video Showcase** (r) (3605245)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE

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6.00am **5 News Early** (7306028)

7.30 **USA High** Teen sitcom (r) (5560009)

8.00 **Havakazoo** (2669711)

8.30 **WideWorld** The impact of computers on business (4/15) (3019252)

9.00 **Espresso** Consumer magazine (7848573) **10.00** Exclusive (r) (7857912) **10.25** Give 5 (r) (5692399) **10.30** Attractions (r) (9619496)

11.00 **Leeza** Chat show (1466134)

11.50 **Give 5** (r) (69788950)

12.00 **The Bold and the Beautiful** Los Angeles-based soap (T) (5914888) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (9975028) **1.00** 5 News Update (85032950) **1.05** Sunset Beach (T) (8641202) **2.00** 5's Company. Live entertainment (8612863)

3.30 **Codename: Dancer** (1987) FILM with Kate Capshaw as a former CIA agent, now a happily married housewife, who is asked by her old employers to help to free a colleague languishing in a Cuban jail. Directed by Buzz Kulik (8702979)

5.20 **Give 5** Charity appeal (11283689)

5.30 **Move on Up** Fast-moving game show (T) (9191405)

6.00 **100 Per Cent** General-knowledge quiz (9198318)

6.30 **Family Affairs** Nick is offered work (T) (9172370)

7.00 **Oasis: Mad for It** A new series exploring the different influences on the Gallagher brothers, Liam and Noel (8154641)

7.30 **Give 5** (9178554)

8.00 **Hot Property** Sandy Mitchell helps a fireman and an aromatherapist to find accommodation in Cornwall for themselves and three children (T) (8170689)

8.30 **5 News** (T) (8159196)

Action-packed drama (9.00pm)

9.00 **Speed** (1994) FILM Keanu Reeves and Sandra Bullock in a drama about trying to prevent a booby-trapped bus from blowing up. Directed by Jan De Bont (61398134)

11.15 **The Jack Docherty Show** Chat and comedy (1558009)

12.00 **Prisoner: Cell Block H** (9172351)

1.00am **Live and Dangerous** presented by Dominik Diamond and Shelley Webb (22713806)

3.45 **Asian Football Show** (6345790)

4.35 **The Streets of San Francisco** Police drama series starring Karl Malden (T) (6694974)

5.30 **100 Per Cent** (r) (7723210)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (539196) **9.00** Regis and Kathie Lee (61689) **10.00** Another World (69467) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (72931) **12.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (55689) **1.00pm** Geraldo (31009) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (45399) **3.00** Jenny Jones (64863) **4.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (43370) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (4738) **6.00** The Live 6 Show (8888) **6.30** Married — with Children (4080) **7.00** The Simpsons (5467) **7.30** M*A*S*H (3592) **8.00** Star Trek: Voyager (98950) **9.00** Poltergeist: The Legacy (83486) **10.00** 1997 Emmy Awards (63134) **12.00** Late Show with David Letterman (73142) **1.00am** Hit Mix Long Play (2038264)

SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Includes sport and business updates

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Seasons of the Heart (1993) (60950318) **7.45 Two of a Kind (1982)** (43083689) **9.30 Apollo 13 (1995)** (55846863) **11.50 Letters from the East (1995)** (71093009) **1.40pm Pufnstuf (1970)** (93758028) **3.25 The Beniker Gang (1985)** (4602844) **4.55 Seasons of the Heart (1993)** (25814931) **6.40 Apollo 13 (1995)** (53971202) **9.00 Braveheart (1995)** (57479950) **11.55 Dead Man (1995)** (19690931) **2.00am Wes Craven Presents Mind Ripper (1995)** (727413) **3.40 Motorcycle Gang (1994)** (58285852)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Jim's Gift (1994) (22757) **8.00 Three Ninjas Kick Back (1994)** (50221) **10.00 Three Ninjas Knuckle Up (1995)** (38912) **12.00 Sirocco (1951)** (40844) **2.00pm Carson City (1952)** (75467) **4.00 The Pirates of Blood River (1962)** (4252) **6.00 Friends at Last (1995)** (18318) **7.30 Behind the Scenes: Hoodlum** (8202) **8.00 The Sister-in-Law (1995)** (90776) **10.00 Seven (1995)** (60367115) **12.10am Crimes of Silence (1996)** (619413) **1.45 Mixed Nuts (1994)** (584210) **3.25 Dracula AD 1972 (1972)** (40151974)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Millionairess (1960) (9713221) **6.00 The Assassination Bureau (1968)** (3052825) **8.00 Big Trouble in Little China (1986)** (3057370) **10.00 Renegades (1989)** (9740196) **11.50 The Sand Pebbles (1966)** (73908641) **2.45am Murder Ahoy (1964)** (9833090)

TNT

9.00pm Gigi (1958) (37032641) **11.00 Goodbye Mr Chips (1939)** (80747047) **1.00am On the Town (1949)** (40530429) **2.45 Catlow (1971)** (64714500)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Futbol Mundial (22950) **7.30** Sports Unlimited (41641) **8.30** World Sport Special (35950) **9.00** Racing News (26202) **9.30** Aerobics (62592) **10.00** Blackburn v Leeds (59028) **12.00** Aerobics (13738) **12.30pm** Watersports World (43196) **1.30** Blackburn v Leeds (80221) **3.30** Super Dragsters (9318) **4.00** Watersports World (98844) **5.00** Wrestling (8950) **6.00** Sports Centre (8202) **6.30** Football League Review (9554) **7.00** Super League — Live (959641) **9.30** Football League Review (53844) **10.00** Sports Centre (14467) **10.30** Super Dragsters (23115) **11.00** Watersports World (80270) **12.00** Sports Centre (89142) **12.30am** Super League (35622) **2.30** Football League Review (59790) **3.00** Sports Centre (99245) **3.30** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (6030405) **7.30** Windsurfing (6019912) **8.00** Racing News (5019486) **8.30** Cricket (8562554) **10.00** Golf: CVS Charity Classic (2503569) **12.00** Football League Review (2110979) **1.30pm** Basketball: London v Chester (1257554) **3.30** Golf: CVS Charity Classic (4259115) **5.30** Football League Review (8386450) **6.00** Windsurfing (1536973) **6.30** V-Max (7831365) **7.00** Sports Centre (9394486) **7.30** World Motor Sport (8783301) **10.30** V-Max (5022950) **11.00** Football League Review (7557134) **11.30** Squash (7509370) **12.30am** Golf (5221887) **1.30** Close

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 Golf: Lancome Trophy (71424825) **2.00pm** Gaelic Games (71445318) **3.00** World Sport Special (33818888) **3.30** NFL (98127912) **7.00** Fish TV (37055592) **8.00** Golf: Canon Shoot-Out (37031912) **9.00** Women's Golf (37051776) **10.00** Sky Sports Gold (88422979) **11.30** Close

EUROSPORT

7.30am Sailing (30775) **8.00** Volleyball (61196) **9.30** Motorcycling (59394) **11.30** Athletics (99450) **12.30pm** Tennis (80467) **2.00** Live Cycling (10950) **3.30** Live All Sports (50405) **5.00** Speedworld (75202) **6.30** Live Youth Football (93931) **8.30** Snooker (36134) **10.30** Football (12405) **11.30** Boxing (98738) **12.30am** Close

UK GOLD

7.00am Rentaghost (4228863) **7.35** Neighbours (9063221) **8.00** Crossroads (9541134) **8.25** EastEnders (3068863) **9.00** The Bill (8194950) **9.30** Howards' Way (4451399) **10.00** In Loving Memory (1831573) **10.30** The Sullivans (6190134) **11.00** Rockford Files (53342844) **12.05pm** Crossroads (72463931) **12.30** Neighbours (4455115) **1.00** EastEnders (9710937) **1.35** Dear John (6824134) **2.20** Gingerbread Girl (45142047) **2.50** Are You Being Served? (2162863) **3.30** The Bill (4751283) **4.00** Casualty (11888757) **5.05** EastEnders (2400860) **5.40** Bob's Full House (9620738) **6.20** Two Ronnies (4342689) **7.20** Dr Who (9557134) **7.50** Home to Roost (8739301) **8.20** Victoria Wood (8362115) **9.00** The Bill (2340950) **9.30** Stay Lucky (55968115) **10.35** Ironside (54156793) **12.25am FILM: Ferry to Hong Kong (1959)** (2447852) **2.20** Shopping (86864245)

GRANADA PLUS

6.00am El Uncut (8610806) **6.30** Beadle's About (6844738) **7.00** Coronation St (8597283) **7.30** Families (8516318) **8.00** Surprise Surprise (5361554) **9.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (2315414) **10.00** Mission Impossible (8505202) **11.00** The Sandbaggers (8592738) **12.00** Coronation St (5571641) **12.30pm** Families (1112660) **1.00** Blind Date (1117115) **2.00** Upstairs, Downstairs (8869047) **3.00** Beadle's About (8175592) **3.30** Surgical Spirit (7013592) **4.00** Mission Impossible (5814450) **5.00** The Sandbaggers (8106844) **6.00** Families (7019776) **6.30** Coronation St (7000028) **7.00** Blind Date (7875912) **8.00** Mission Impossible (7884660) **9.00** Coronation St (9414414) **9.30** The Comedians (1109196) **10.00** Cracker (7874283) **11.00** Close

DISNEY CHANNEL

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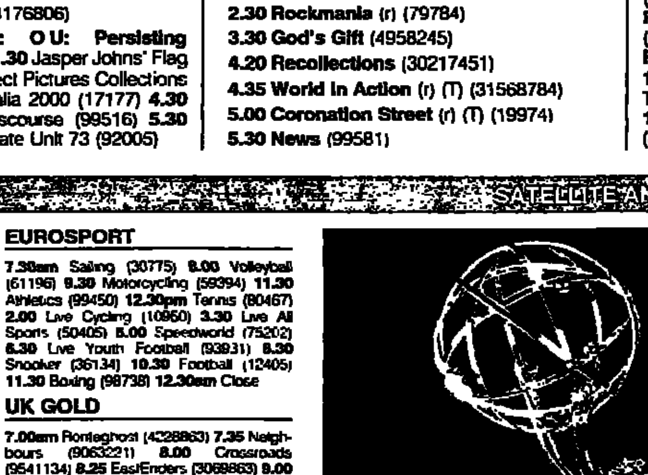

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4.00pm History's Turning Points (4161660) **4.30** Charlie Bravo (4167844) **5.00** Next Step (6538467) **5.30** Jurassica (4158196) **6.00** Wild Things: Amphibians (4155009) **6.30** Wild Things: Wild Sanctuaries (4179689) **7.00** Discovery News (6541931) **7.30** History's Turning Points: The Marriage of Pocahontas (4168573) **8.00** Ancient Warriors (6567979) **8.30** On the Road Again (6546486) **9.00** Adventures of the Quest (1668950) **10.00** Connections (1645009) **11.00** Wings Over the World (8047919) **12.00** Special Forces: French Foreign Legion (6536055) **12.30am** Charlie Bravo (2363264) **1.00** History's Turning Points: The Marriage of Pocahontas (8165516) **1.30** Next Step (6601500) **2.00** Close

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Endangered: Crowned Eagles (9388486) **7.30** Gauchos (1805028) **8.00** Survival Game (1271912) **9.00** Fatal Game: Everest (1291776) **10.00** Wild Life Adventures: African Garden of Eden (1294863) **11.00** Wild Wheels (4206399) **12.00** Endangered: Crowned Eagles (6607974) **12.30am** The Last Frog (6797264) **1.00** Close

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4.00pm Four Years of Thunder (7556405) **5.00** War — the Inside Story (9393757) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (5199680) **7.00** Biography: Benito Mussolini (1605738) **8.00** Close

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6.00am Lucky Ladders (7548592) **6.35** Lingo (78213467) **7.00** Tiny Living (7189592) **9.00** I Dream of Jeannie (7791115) **9.30** Gordon Elliott (6943405) **10.10** Jerry Springer (7346660) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (9497028) **11.50** Brookside (53420202) **12.20pm** Why Me? (72593842) **12.50** Rolonda (8135283) **1.40** Tempest (1794080) **2.30** Cheap Chic (4926270) **3.00** Live at Three (54631844) **4.05** Jerry Springer (9368689) **5.00** Rolonda (3472134) **5.50** Lucky Ladders (3210028) **6.25** Ready, Steady, Cook (6789370) **7.00** Hearts Afire (9709028) **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (9176973) **8.00** Rolonda (3051196) **9.00** Adrenalin Junkies (3054283) **11.00** The Erogenous Zone (7176028) **12.00** Close

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SE examines share deals in Stagecoach

BY FRASER NELSON

THE London Stock Exchange is investigating share transactions by David McLeary, husband of Ann Gloag, the multimillionairess co-founder of Stagecoach.

It emerged that he violated dealing rules by taking short-term punts on the transport company's shares and failing to properly notify the company of his dealings. Last month, Mr McLeary, whose wife is a director of Stagecoach and whose brother-in-law, Brian Souter, is the group's chief executive, bought 5,000 shares on a Monday and sold them the following Friday after a 7.4 per cent rise in the price.

The transactions directly contravene the model code set out by the Stock Exchange, which stipulates that neither directors nor their spouses may deal in any securities on a short-term basis. An announcement by Stagecoach last week also revealed that Mr McLeary performed a near-identical transaction in February, cashing in on an 8.4 per cent rise over 13 trading days. Then Mr McLeary bought 10,000 shares at 699p when they had fallen from a high of 800p. They immediately bounced back and hit their second-highest peak of 758p, the price at which he sold the 10,000 shares less than three weeks later.

The late announcement of the February transaction also breached Stock Exchange rules and dealings by directors and their immediate family. A spokesman for Ms Gloag said yesterday: "The transaction was undertaken by Mr McLeary. Notification to the company was overlooked in error and as soon as the oversight was realised the company and the Stock Exchange were informed."

The share swoops created a cash profit of £8,500. Ms Gloag is currently the highest-paid woman in Scotland on £2.72 million a year. Her personal fortune is estimated at £600 million.

Ms Gloag is ranked as the second-wealthiest woman in Britain and within two years is expected to overtake the Queen to become the country's richest woman as her dividend payments keep building. She is on course to receive £3.43 million in company payouts this year alone.

The move caused surprise in the City, with analysts suggesting that Ms Gloag seems unlikely to break regulations for the sake of such a comparatively small amount.

However, neither the company nor its appointed stockbroker could offer an alternative explanation for the deals. Alan Whitnall, group administration director, said: "As far as I know there are no other circumstances behind the transactions." He added that he would not have been told about any personal circumstances behind the deal.

Mr McLeary's February share swoop came less than two weeks before Mr Souter formally announced that he was buying shares with £90,000 of his own money at market prices.

City analysts say that although Mr Souter's purchase would have helped the share price to rise, the fluctuations were driven by delayed reactions to its interim results. It is also unclear whether Ms Gloag knew her brother would be making the announcement. The matter is understood to have been passed for investigation by the Stock Exchange's compliance unit, which determines whether directors have acted against its regulations.

BG to buy back £1bn of its own shares

BY JASON NISSÉ

BG, the former British Gas pipeline company, is to buy back £1 billion worth of its shares in a move to be announced with its results on Wednesday.

The cash handout would have been even larger but for fears that Clare Spottiswoode, the industry regulator, could force extra price cuts on the company, costing £500 million over the next five years.

The move, coming just a year after the demerger of British Gas into BG and Centrica, is expected to cause howls of protests from unions representing the 2,500 staff who are being axed in a restructuring which it said was caused by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's decision to force price cuts of 21 per cent on BG's TransCo subsidiary.

It also sheds a poor light on BG's protests last year that Ms Spottiswoode's attempt to impose further price cuts meant that the company was being subjected to the "biggest smash-and-grab raid in history".

The regulator is expected to toughen her regime for gas distribution and force cuts of up to 25 per cent from TransCo.

BG is currently putting the final touches to its share buyback plan in an attempt to cut down the tax payable on the handout. Kenneth Clarke, the last Chancellor of the Exchequer, clamped down on the tax breaks on these buybacks.

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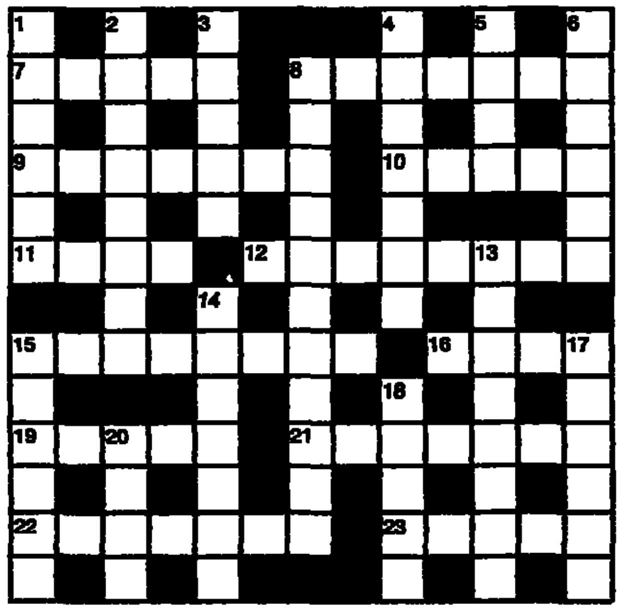

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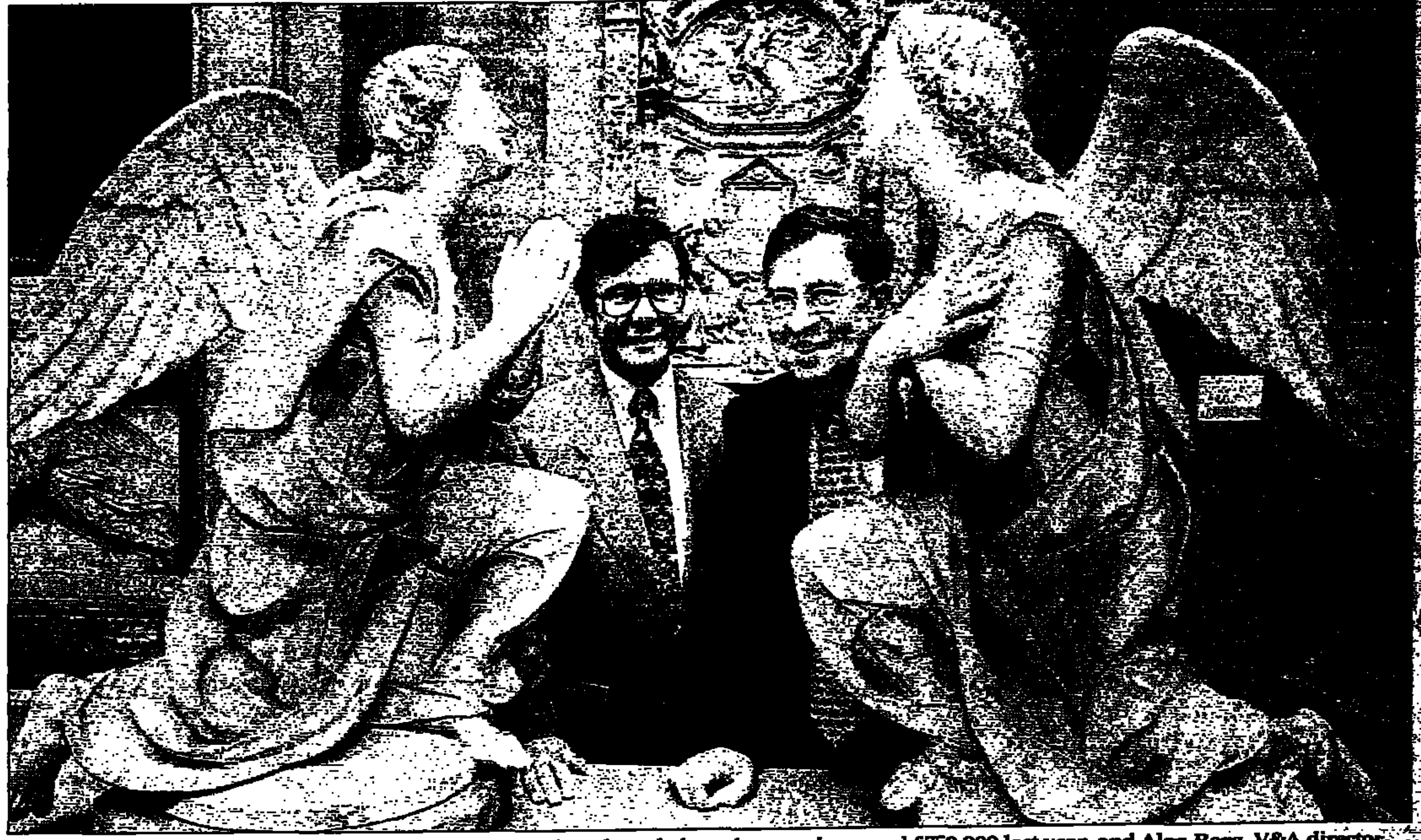

Michael Cass, left, head of the enterprises business, whose branded goods earned a record £750,000 last year, and Alan Borg, V&A director

Business booms at V&A

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

SALES of V&A-branded paints, carpets, lamps, garden furniture and ties earned a record £750,000 for the Victoria and Albert Museum last year, and could bring in up to £1 million in the current year.

According to its annual report, V&A Enterprises — the business set up 11 years ago to spread good design and to raise funds — increased the amount covenanted back to the V&A by 43 per cent last year. The museum needs £30 million a year to keep going and expects a £750,000 cut in its government grant next year.

The international licensing programme, which allows manufacturers to use the V&A name on V&A-inspired products in return for payment of a 6 to 10 per cent royalty, had total retail turnover of about £90 million. Among new licensees were Colefax & Fowler, the furnishing fabrics company, and Marks & Spencer, which has launched lingerie and toiletries based on the design from an old Valentine card.

Railtrack to incur wrath of Prescott

BY MARK COURT

RAILTRACK is set to anger John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, by making at least £200 million more from property dealing than it estimated in its flotation prospectus last year.

The owner of the UK's railway lines and stations is strengthening its property arm and speeding up the development of attractive sites. It said it would make £1 billion from property in the first five years after privatisation, but City sources close to Railtrack now say it will make at least £1.2 billion.

Railtrack will not comment on the estimates but admitted that it is taking a more active role in developing properties. It recently hired Helen Gordon from John Laing, where she was responsible for developing the Ashford interchange for the Channel Tunnel.

Bob Hill, Railtrack's property director, said: "We would not preclude having 100 per cent of a project, but what we cannot handle at the moment is something of great complexity. In the coming months and years we will be building that expertise."

Railtrack has an incentive to speed up the development of its properties. Currently it has to give 25 per cent of its property profits to the train-operating companies. But the rail regulator is likely to change that to 40 per cent after 2001.

Mr Prescott, a strong critic of Railtrack, claimed at the time of privatisation that it was being sold too cheaply.

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British music trade ready to double in size

BY CHRIS AYRES

THE British music industry, which earns more than £1 billion a year in export sales alone, is set to double in size over the next five years, according to an authoritative survey published today by Crédit Suisse.

The Swiss bank's survey will come as good news for record companies based in Britain, led by EMI and Polygram, which could soon see the country's record sales overtaking those of Germany to rank third behind the US and Japan.

The survey found that 84 per cent of music industry agents believe that pop stars' earnings could more than double before 2002 because of a big rise in foreign demand for records by UK artistes.

Heseltine buys out Haymarket partners

BY JASON NISSÉ

MICHAEL HESELTINE, the former Deputy Prime Minister, is understood to have bought out his long-standing partners in Haymarket, the publishing group he founded, making them multimillionaires in the process.

The move, which coincided with Mr Heseltine's decision not to stand for the leadership of the Conservative Party, consolidates his control over the magazine business, which is now valued at more than £140 million.

Earlier this year Haymarket, famous for titles such as *Campaign*, *What Car?* and *FourFourTwo*, purchased the shares in the group held by Lindsay Masters, its chairman, and Simon Tindall, its chief executive, for £39.9 million. At the same time Mr Heseltine rejoined the board after an 18-year absence enforced by the rules covering the outside interests of government ministers.

He recently appointed two close friends — Lord Levene of Portsoken, chairman of Canary Wharf, and Alan Kemp, GEC's director of strategy — to Haymarket's board and is reported to have told senior staff that the company was to remain "family-owned". Many believe that his son Rupert is being groomed to take over.

Mr Heseltine is understood to be keen to resume his business career. He had hoped to become GEC chairman but this fell foul of the decision by George Simpson, GEC's managing director, to accept a peerage from Tony Blair.

Brooks Bros heads for UK

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM, RETAIL CORRESPONDENT

MARKS & SPENCER is planning to bring Brooks Brothers, the American clothes store, to the UK and mainland Europe.

After a recent deal to open branches in South-East Asia, Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman, has decided he would like to see Brooks Brothers enter other new markets, a spokeswoman for the company said yesterday.

The expansion is a long-term plan and no sites have yet been located for openings in Britain or on the Continent, she added.

Brooks Brothers, which was founded 169 years ago, was bought by Marks & Spencer in 1988 for £400 million. After suffering several difficult years, its performance showed signs of improvement last year, when it enjoyed turnover of £580 million and produced an operating profit of £21 million.

Sir Richard has conceded that Marks & Spencer paid too much for the American company, but he is pleased by the recent improvement in sales.

Marks & Spencer struck a deal last month with Dickson Poon, the Asian entrepreneur behind Harvey Nichols, to open 20 Brooks Brothers outlets in South-East Asia.

Brown aiming to revive world debt-relief plan

BY JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS EDITOR

GORDON BROWN, the Chancellor, will attempt tomorrow to breathe new life into international efforts to relieve the debt burdens of the world's poorest countries.

At a meeting of Commonwealth Finance Ministers in Mauritius, Mr Brown is expected to set an objective of getting every poor country eligible for debt relief under the Highly Indebted Poor Country Initiative (HIPC) to have made a start on the process by 2000.

On current estimates, around 19 poor countries are thought likely to comply with HIPC conditions of economic good behaviour in the foreseeable future. Mr Brown would like to see at least three quarters of these eligible for full debt relief by the millennium, with the others at least embarked on the process, which takes six years.

The HIPC initiative has yet to deliver debt relief to a single country. Uganda is likely to be the first to benefit but, even after a decade of complying rigorously with economic adjustment policies designed by the International Monetary Fund, will still not get any cash until at least next year.

The debt relief initiative has been dogged by political opposition, notably from Japan and Germany, who question the principle of debt write-offs. But there has also been intense and, so far relatively unproductive, horsetrading between the IMF, World Bank and leading national creditors about funding.

Mr Brown's speech will not seek to expand significantly on current plans for debt relief. Nor will he go into detail on how the package should be financed, although Britain has put a $20 million (£12.5 million) offer on the table. The Chancellor appears to feel that reinforcing the momentum behind existing plans is the best he can do.

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